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THE TAX ON FLOUR.

The item in the tax bill now before Congress levying ten cents per barrel on flour, has been stricken from the bill through the influence of a delegation of New York millers.

We have not noticed the grounds on which the action was based, but we presume it was the impossibility of competing with the Canadian millers if the tax had a fair levier. The effect of the bill was noticed last week in the TRIBUNE. The West is abundant reason for congratulation at the action of Congress on this important subject.

OPINIONS DIFFER.

There is clash of opinion in relation to the ability of the Commander of the Army of the Potomac, in permitting the rebels to Manassas to escape without harm, is confined to the West. In New York, the *Herald* and *Times* defend the General and all his acts good strategy; while the *Tribune* and *Evening Post* visit them with the severest censure. In Cincinnati, the *Commercial* approves and the *Gazette* blames. In Philadelphia and Boston the same difference exists, as we presume it does wherever the news has gone. It is probable that the journals that are in favor of a short and decisive contest with the rebels, in favor of hitting treason in its exposed part, in favor of confiscated rebel property, in favor generally of Stanton's policy, are savage in their censures, while the milk-sops and the plum fellows, almost without exception, are in ecstacies. In all the turmoil, there is one thing certain—the rebel army got away!

NASSAS—THE DESERTED REBEL CAMPS.

THE OTHER SIDE OF POTOMAC STRATEGY.

The Washington reporters of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* of the 13th give an interesting account of the appearance of things within the deserted rebel lines at Manassas, together with details of the evacuation by the rebels.

THE DESERTED VILLAGE.

The camps (big huts) west of Centreville, on the right of the road, were burned up clean, and the article would anything but tempt the village were a large number of huts, which not disturbed. A few camps and tents, however, were left in the church, for shelter at night. The town and deserted camps, on entering, made the most perfect picture of desolation and ruin I have witnessed. The falling ruins of the burnt camps, the fences and houses deserted, windows out, doors gone, chimneys tumbling down, and a few blacks and squalid whites run to the doors and out who were coming.

The graveyard near the church was full, and the dead lay exposed indefinitely by the removal of the fence which surrounded it. The newly made graves numbered over 200, and were, most of them, marked with a plain soldier in a rude box, ready to deposit in our men quietly interred in one of longer graves, and covered with a pine board, of course unknown, and we can only hope that they did not take time to bury dead and wounded in the haste to get from the place.

The graveyard is on the highest ground of the Centreville range of hills, and only in the rear of the forts which defend the approaches to the town. A more romantic place for a soldier's grave could not have been found. The church, which has been used for a hospital, and yet is, with the yard and the only buildings of which anything remain were those in which the officers quartered during the time they lived in the town. It is a large building, and the Massachusetts men, who could get away around the country has gone, for a few occasions, to the church, and it is generally called the "Chapel," but there is but little to care for. All cattle and live stock, with a few exceptions, have been evacuated within a small circle all around the camps, and not a rail or post is left to mark the lines of their farms.

The heavy woods to the left and down towards Manassas have all been cut down, thus enabling just such an appearance as we have in the Indian country on the Potomac, near Washington.

THOSE TERRIBLE BATTERIES.

The fortifications have left the Potomac, formidable, extending from a point half a mile north Centreville away off to the South as far as eye can reach. The rode up to them, and they are merely dirt trenches and sand bags. They have been evidently laid out by engineer who understood his business, but the men who constructed them were those entirely ignorant of the time. *There has never been a single heavy gun mounted in them.* Earthen embrasures, for heavy guns, are there in all of them. All were so arranged, however, that field artillery could be used in them. Those on the south side had a few heavy hemlock boards, one inch thick, and sand bags were laid against a single distance, but would have let the gun down into the sand.

Some of those on the left were wicker-work and the embrasures, which were apparently made for the purpose, were made of two of them were raw hides staked down and sand bags around the embrasures, but they were intended to take a storming party, and would have marched up in front. The ditches around them are nicely arranged, so that our troops could have marched down up the sides readily to make a bayonet charge. No timber has ever been placed in them to obstruct a passage, nor were the sides at perpendicular but at an angle.

Five of these forts command the road to Manassas, by which Mr. Davis came in July, by extend over a line of a mile and a half, and are all connected by rifle pits dug deep enough to allow artillery to move along behind them without being seen in front, under a protection of sand banks from four to five feet thick.

The precaution appears to have been taken to prevent a flank movement in the rear of Centreville in anything like such a formidable manner as the fort. Every approach is covered with a dense woods and stunted trees. A few dirt banks near Centreville, behind which artillery could have been sheltered were the only guards on their left.

A piece of dense woods, about a mile and a half from Centreville, was left standing as a protection, from which, with sharp guns, could have shelled them out in a few hours. There were a few places where some had had a battery in this piece of woods, and they have had a regiment in winter quarters; but they were only on picket, and could have easily driven in the Centreville lines.

TO MANASSAS.

About noon Generals McClellan and Morrell, with their staffs, and two thousand cavalry for an escort, came up and took the road to Manassas. We fell in with them and followed on down to the woods. All along to the left of the road was one continuous string of huts, tents and forts, all empty now—not a man being or animal left behind—not even a sound save the clatter of the horses' hoofs, the shrill tones of the bugles, or the roll of the drum.

At Blackburn's Ford we saw the old battlefield of July 18th. The Butler house, which was shelled from the Ford, and been riddled with shot and shell, had been repaired, we have Bearegard was dining, and made such a narrow escape at the time. The tree in front of the house of the way the shot and shell flew around. Large limbs were cut off, and tree tops twisted in a hundred directions, though struck by lightning. The woods in which the New York Twelfth, the First and Second Michigan, and the Massachusetts 27th met down has all been cut away, and we can now see where the Rebels had their artillery, on the bank of Bull Run, behind a breastwork of logs and dirt.

The Washington Artillery of New Orleans and three South Carolina regiments have been encamped near the Butler House for the winter, but started away some time ago. The artillery left a quantity of harness, etc. Nous their irons were destroyed. Further down the tents of a whole division, all pitched, though the occupants had gone home to recruit and re-mount, had not yet returned. The Plains of Manassas are really what their name implies. The time was when there were objects which obstructed the range of vision. They are all gone now, for the rifles around have an unbroken view. On the Bull Run and the camps still left, and a column marches away off to the right indicated that Longstreet was on that road. Our cavalry had gone during Monday night, and found the rear of the army still there, but they were leaving the remaining property. A captain, by one side we rode, told us of piles of new rich clothes, swords, flags, &c., galloping off of the river, we reached the battlefield. The sight here cannot be portrayed; too the machine shops, the stable-houses, all the rock of the locomotive, and not far down the remains of four freight cars which had been burned; to the right five hundred bbls of flour had been store in and two hundred barrels of vinegar and molasses and been allowed to try expose to the rain. Hundreds of thousands of barrels of pork and beef had been scattered around in the mud, and a few hundred bbls done away a dense mass of smoke rising from the premises of a factory which had been used for rendering up tallow. Boiling hogsheads of molasses, which we were stretched for a rod close by, upon fire, and remained unplayed.

The wagon road to Richmond has been put in good condition by the plentiful use planks and logs; through the first piece of woods after leaving Centreville is a piece of "corduroy road," which is in terrible condition; the bodies of half a dozen horses who that broken their legs were scattered along the side, a testimony against these wretched inventions.

The road is now in as good condition as it is will be at any time for months; it has been widened for teams to pass; or two to go abreast. The turnpike road to Warrenton is in as fine condition as it ever was; the fields are in good order for moving artillery, and the rebels, or those of but little use, are very good. The roads are all good after we leave the old lines around Washington, and have been so for some time.

A VISIT TO BULL RUN.

Leaving the Junction, we all rode up to the Bull Run Battle-Field. The different positions occupied by the different forces were explained by Gen. McDowell. They are the same now as when we stood there on that memorable Sabbath. All was quiet though that now peaceful date. The roar of the murderous artillery, the flash of the musketry and the groans of the wounded and dying seemed to be still ringing in our ears; but the chirping of the tree frogs, or a solitary bird perched upon a sheltered bush, was all that really broke the stillness.

As we halted for a moment, we noticed on the hill-tops a number of empty huts, along the ravines were the strong natural defenses, so lately garrisoned by the rebel hordes; but they have all gone now. Near the field where Colonel Cameron fell are long and broad trenches, only distinguished as graves by the new made earth, on which the grass, this last summer, has refused to grow. The hill-side, where Gen. Schenck led his division under the murderous fire, the ravine where the rebel cavalry outflanked us, the little old negro hut and other buildings they used as hospitals, are still there; the blood-stained floor covered with dirt. The stone bridge has been blown up and is now a heap of ruins. We rode across the field where our Parrot gunn were lost, picked up a cannon ball and pushed on to Centreville, reaching here at dark.

The rebel army of the Potomac, from all appearances, has been at times strong in numbers and well entrenched. They may have had one hundred and fifty thousand men, but we much doubt if they have had over one hundred and ten or one hundred and twenty thousand. Whether they left Manassas in July, or just fall of this winter, or could have been driven from Manassas in confusion at any time, is not for us to decide. Such is the story they have gone hence. Contrabands coming in tell us that they said they will make a stand at Gordonsville, and that they will hold fight this side of Gordonsville, and will force us to come to their mountain fastnesses to meet them.

THE NAVAL FIGHT AT HAMPTON ROADS.

INTERESTING DETAILS OF THE ENGAGEMENT.

The Surgeon of the U. S. Frigate Congress furnishes to the *Philadelphia Press* of the 15th an interesting statement of the recent engagement with the Merrimac, containing important details we have not seen in previous accounts:

REASON OF THE MERRIMAC'S ATTACK.

The commander of the Merrimac, Buchanan, was placed in command of the Merrimac, Ericsson battery had left New York on Friday, and he saw that the blow at our fleet which had been contemplated for some weeks, must be made at once. On Friday, we (the Congress) received orders to move down the stream at once. The senior officer, however, deemed it unadvisable to fire at the Newport News batteries exposed without first consulting with Mr. Fox, Assistant Secretary of War, who was at or near the Rip Raps with such as with Gen. Wool. As it was, had it not been for the presence of our vessels, the Merrimac would have destroyed the batteries at Newport News.

THE REBEL PLANS.

The attack of the Merrimac was but a part of the rebel plan, which embraced a simultaneous attack upon Newport News by land. At the same hour the rebel monitor and the Yorktown and Jamestown were to cut his forces, with the design of attacking our camp. Fortunately for us, the creeks had been swollen by recent rains, and the land route was not visible by our officers, until one o'clock Sunday afternoon.

We could see them as they halted at a place called Lee's House, which is on the high bluff above the river. Their officers could be seen by consultation, and we then saw the land looked down at us, the reflection of the glasses of their telescopes could be plainly seen in the train. Evidently they had the conclusion to retire. They were supposed by our pickets to be about 10,000 strong.

TACTICS OF THE MERRIMAC.

She came right along the Rip Raps, in full view of the Roads, and then turned round and went back again. She had no colors on, and I still supposed she was about to return to Norfolk. I supposed that she had been merely making a trial trip.

When she had got half way up the Chesapeake Bay, she put her bow upon and headed for us. We believed she could not reach us. We had heard that she drew fifty twenty-three feet of water. Her draught had been great she could not have come near us. In my opinion *she does not draw over fifteen feet of water*, and the stories to the contrary were put about her heavy draught were, *no doubt, operated and circulated by the rebels themselves, for the purpose of deceiving us*, which they succeeded in doing.

Laboring under this erroneous idea, however, we supposed that she would come down Nansemond to Pig Point. At last, when we saw that she was only a mile and a half off, we rin down and beat to quarters. We had three hundred prepared, and a broadside poured into her.

EFFECT OF THE CONGRESS'S FIRE ON THE CONGRESS.

The first shell which pierced the Congress killed the crew of six men, gunners attached to gun No. 7. The shell was an eleven-inch one, and was fired at a range of about one hundred yards. Every one of the shells burst *inside of us*. They must have cut off the fuses, as the distance between us was so very small.

I was looking for my instruments down below, when there came a crash and I was thrown forward on to my face, a distance of eight feet. I escaped without injury, but it seemed to be almost miraculous. My bedding, blankets, trunks—everything was scattered about the ward room.

A FRIGHTFUL INCIDENT AND SECOND NARROW ESCAPE.

The first wounded man who came staggering down the ladder for assistance had been struck in the chest by a splinter over a foot in length. While I was examining him, endeavoring to ease his pain, I heard another frightful crash, and a heavy door was thrown directly across the head and chest of the wounded man, barely passing my head. A higher art than mine had cased him of his pain! He must have been killed instantly, as he did not utter a single groan.

THE CONGRESS SET ON FIRE BY THE ENEMY'S SHELL.

In the very commencement of the action our vessel was set on fire by the shells of the Merrimac. Had the enemy hauled off immediately we could not have sailed our vessel after the occurrence. It was impossible to extinguish the flames, which had caught from every part of the hull.

ESCAPE OF THE OFFICERS AND CREW.

In the reports of the battle it was erroneously stated that the officers of the Congress had been captured. That we were not captured, however, seemed the result providential, and occurred thus: Which the white flag was displayed, the rebel tug boat, which was detached to take up prisoners, came alongside up to our side, when the sharpshooters of the Indiana Twentieth regiment, who were stationed at Newport News, opened upon them. It. A midshipman named Foreman was killed by the discharge, and fell from the side of our vessel down to the deck of his crew, a distance of fifteen feet. No doubt many others of the rebel crew were likewise killed or wounded, for they at once hauled off, not anticipating such treatment from the Indiana troops. To the skill and gallantry of the latter alone do the officers and crew of the Congress owe their deliverance from durance vile.

THE ACTION BETWEEN THE MONITOR AND MERRIMAC.

The action between these two iron-clad ships was witnessed by us at the distance of three or four miles. The Monitor occasionally fired double-shotted guns. As I sat in a tent at Newport News, the concussion produced by the fire was so tremendous that it seemed to me I was standing by the guns; besides which the shocks were so incessant as they were deafening.

The Merrimac's fire did not the slightest damage to her antagonist, the latter capable of leaving a few indentations in the side of her tower, such as might be made in the side of a leaf of Tweed by the point of a pin, may be said to have produced no effect whatever. Her tower is twenty-five feet in diameter, and has two holes on each side for her guns. It is styled a cheese-box by the rebels, and resembles it somewhat at a distance.

Mr. Newton, the engineer of the Monitor, informs me that he saw one ball made in the Merrimac, and believes that she has sustained other damages. She was not followed by the Monitor for the simple reason that the channel is narrow, and very dangerous. Had the Monitor run aground, as the Minnesota did, every one of our vessels would have been destroyed.

THE REBEL ACCOUNT OF THE FIGHT.

The James River Blockade Opened—Two Yankee First Class Frigates Demolished—The Rated Cumberland Sunk—The Congress Burned to the Water's Edge—The Minnesota and St. Lawrence Aground—Great Loss of the Confederate Iron Clad Steamer Virginia—Large Number of Yankees Shot and Drowned, Etc., Etc.

[From the Norfolk Day Book, March 10.]

At a quarter past eleven o'clock on Saturday, the iron-clad steamer Virginia cast loose from her moorings at the Navy Yard and made her way down to Hampton Roads, towards the blockading squadron lying off Newport News. She reached their neighborhood, after some detention at the obstructions below, at two o'clock. Here she found the two first class sailing frigates Cumberland and Congress. With the determination to pay her respects to the Cumberland first, the Virginia bore down for that vessel, and while passing the Congress she gave her a broadside by way of a salute. Her operations on the Cumberland were performed in the short space of fifteen minutes time, at the end of which time the Cumberland sunk just where she had been lying.

The Virginia on approaching her and getting within point blank range, fired her bow gun several times, and ran into her, striking her fairly with her ram, which made her reel to and fro, and sent her speedily to the bottom, but while going down, we understand, the after gun of the Cumberland was discharged at the Virginia, with what injury we know not. The object in getting rid of the Cumberland was probably to destroy the very heavy armament which they frigate carried, it being the heaviest in the Yankee navy. The officers and crew of the Cumberland made their escape as best they could, many of them being captured by our gunboats. The wounded on board it is believed went down with the vessel.

The Virginia next turned her attention to the Congress, which vessel, it is said, gallantly resisted her inevitable fate for nearly an hour, but finally finding the ship rapidly sinking, she hauled down her colors, and made for the beach, where she was run as high aground as possible. Her officers and crew were taken off by our gunboats, and while she had her flag of truce hoisted, and was being relieved of her killed and wounded by our boats, the Yankees commenced firing upon her, disregarding the flag of truce, with Minie muskets, fired off last fall or this winter, or could have been driven from Manassas in confusion at any time, is not for us to decide. Such is the story they have gone hence. Contrabands coming in tell us that they said they will make a stand at Gordonsville, and that they will hold fight this side of Gordonsville, and will force us to come to their mountain fastnesses to meet them.

THE SITUATION ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

OUR SUCCESS AT NEW MADRID.

Gen. Pope's Official Dispatch.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—Brigadier Gen. Pope, in a dispatch to Gen. Halleck, says:

Our success at New Madrid has been even greater than was reported. Twenty-five pieces of heavy artillery, consisting of 32 and rifled 32-pounders, two batteries of field artillery, an immense quantity of fixed ammunition, several thousand stand of arms, hundreds of boxes of musket cartridges, three hundred mules and horses, tents for an army of 12,000 men, and an immense quantity of other property, of which we have no one million dollars, has fallen into our hands.

Their men only escaped.

The enemy's flotilla force is demoralized and dispersed in the swamps on the opposite side of the river.

The enemy abandoned their works so hurriedly as to leave all the baggage of their officers and the knapsacks of their men.

Their dead were left unburied. Their papers were on the tables, and candles burning in their tents.

A furious thunder storm which raged all night enabled the enemy to get across the river without being discovered.

Our heavy batteries were erected during the night of the 12th, within 800 yards of the enemy's works and opened at day-light on the 13th, just 54 hours after the guns were delivered to us at Cairo.

During the whole day of yesterday our lines were drawn closer around their works under a severe fire of shell and shot from them.

The fear of an assault on their works at daylight induced them to flee precipitately during the night. The rear guard seemed to be in the greatest confusion, and in the hurry of the flight he remained on the deck of the Virginia, and that he discharged musket after musket at us as we approached within range to him. It was while thus exposed that he received the wound of which mention is made above.

It is said that all of the batteries on Newport News were silenced except one, and our shot and shell were thrown with such accuracy and precision among the enemy that great numbers of them were killed and wounded.

The Ericson Battery—Interesting Statement of the Inventor.

The Monitor is no new invention of Mr. Ericsson's, but that she is the result of 25 years' study toward an invulnerable siege battery. During the Crimean war, Mr. Ericsson proposed the building of a similar vessel to Louis Napoleon, who expressed himself very much pleased with the design, but declined to carry it into execution. Mr. Ericsson is at present so busily engaged on plans for a still more powerful vessel, that he could not leave from Washington, he has refused to go even for a single day.

At a special meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, 12th, for the purpose of considering the harbor defence of New York, Mr. Ericsson was present, and gave a most interesting account of the construction and capabilities of the wonderful vessel. Resolutions were passed very strongly condemnatory of the Navy Department for its neglect of Hampton Roads, and Mayor Opdyke and Messrs. A. A. Low and Charles H. Marshall were appointed a committee to go to Washington to consult with the War Department.

The following statement in reply to interrogatories in the course of the discussion, will be read with interest:

I have the great satisfaction to tell the gentlemen that this morning, a few minutes after 9 o'clock, I received a telegram from Fort Monroe, that the Merrimac is still there. It got a letter from Mr. Stimers. I sent a copy of it to *The Evening Post*, so that the press should have it by the time I reach home. I will now read you Capt. Stimers's letter.

IRON CLAD MONITOR,
HAMPTON ROADS, March 8, 1862.

MY DEAR SIR—After a stormy passage, which proved to be the finest sea-boat I was ever with, we arrived safely in Hampton Roads, anchored this forenoon, and sent her back to Norfolk in a stinking condition. Our men behaved like men. We manœuvered about the bay both, and went at each other with mutual fierceness. I consider that both sides were well fought. We were struck twenty-two times—pilot-house twice, turret nine times, side armor eight times, and deck once. The only vulnerable point was the pilot-house. One of your great logs (9 by 12 inches thick) is broken in two. The deal armor is broken at one where the captain had his eye, and it has disabled him by destroying his left eye and temporarily blinding the other.

That is proved since not to be so. It was a splinter that did the mischief.

The log is not quite in two, but is broken and pressed inward by inches.

This shows the immense force of these shots. This beam is 9 inches by 12, and of the best wrought iron. This gives an idea of the difficulty of penetrating these ships, and yet we have succeeded in the turret in doing so.

She tried to run me down, and sink us as she did the Cumberland yesterday, but she got a blow sharp, upper-edged iron cut-water, which, I think, will do her business, and well into her side. She will not try that again. She gave us a tremendous concussion. We injured her in the least. We are just able to find the point of contact.

That is gratifying, that after such a concussion it was difficult to see where she struck her.

The turret is a splendid structure. I don't think much of the deck. It is too high, was first, for the things, though I cannot tell you how they would stand the concussion of battle.

The shield is an extra thickness of two inches on the fighting side. It was placed there yesterday morning on account of the sound. I was afraid that the force of the shock would knock the men down.

You were very correct in your estimate of the effect of shot and shell on the inside of the turret when it was struck near him. Three men were disabled by it, and I was one of the other two had to be carried below, but I was not disabled at all, and the others recovered before the battle was over.

Before the Monitor left I charged the officer particularly to tell the men not to be frightened. I told him that if a shot came, they must go down on his knees, and don't be alarmed when the Rebel shot strikes you, because it couldn't hurt you. The question was, whether the Monitor was to be carried below, but I was not disabled at all, and the others recovered before the battle was over.

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The policy of this change of position with reference to the intended attack of the enemy is obvious. The Potomac was the proper base for offensive operations against Maryland and Washington City; but as a line of defense for Richmond, or for general resistance, it is the most dangerous. The river could be held. The line upon which the army under Gen. Joseph Johnston is now falling back, is in the nature of a right angle, the apex of which Richmond is the centre. The enemy is put to the necessity of marching a considerable portion of his forces to engaging our forces. It defeated in general engagement, he can scarcely escape annihilation; for he will then be too far from the Potomac and from Washington City to venture safety by a few hours' flight, like that he made after the battle of Manassas. If, on the contrary, he should be successful in the encounter with our forces, he could not take advantage of his victory on account of the delay necessary to bring up his supplies from the distant Potomac.

Whoever will take the trouble to examine the map of Virginia will find that our line of defence, as now adopted, stretches from the Rappahannock, by a grand circle, to Cumberland Gap, in the extreme southwestern corner of the State; embracing the Central and the Virginia and Tennessee railroads, the chief cities of Virginia, the valley of the James, with its canal and railroads within the control of the Confederacy.

It will be seen, too, that this is purely a line of defence, assumed now as a necessity, in view of our recent disasters, and that, if our supine policy for six months, permitted the enemy to marshal and put in position without hindrance, force and munitions at his pleasure.

It is distressing to give up so large a portion of Virginia, even for a season, to the domination of the foe, but the measure has become a strategic necessity, and is now the surest means of defeating the projects of the enemy, and insuring the success of our cause. The surprise he will receive from the magnificent naval occurrences in Hampton Roads, and from the judicious movements of our army, which has so long been thwarted by him, before Washington, will be very great. *Never delay to raise to him*, and considerable delay in the execution of his programme is now impossible.

☞ The Army Paymasters will have no money till April for the troops this side of Burnside's expedition. The first items of Gen. Buell's force go to Fort Royal, Hilton Head and Beaufort.

FROM THE LOWER POTOMAC.

The Gunboats Shell the Batteries at Aquia Creek.

GREAT AMOUNT OF REBEL ARMS RECOVERED.

Gen. McClellan's Address to his Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The steamer Yankee arrived at the navy yard and took on board a quantity of shell, yesterday.

She then, with the Anacosta, proceeded to shell the rebel batteries at Aquia Creek. The enemy replied briskly with their guns, but failed to reach the Yankee, although they made much noise.

One shell struck but a short distance from the Yankee, in direct range with her wheelhouse. The heavy guns of the Yankee enabled her to lay off out of range and drop her shells with precision into the batteries.

After firing some time the Yankee and Anacosta hauled off without being struck. It is thought the rebels are removing their stores, ordnance, &c., from Aquia Creek.

The batteries at the Potomac Creek are still occupied by the rebels. The Yankee has recovered a portion of the iron works of the burned rebel steamer Page.

A large number of splendid guns have been recovered which were left by the rebels in their upper batteries. Yesterday the Leslie brought up from the Evansport battery a 7½ inch rifled gun, throwing a 128 pound shell.

Cannon of the very best description are daily being found in the river at the various batteries.

Mayor Thess, together with a large amount of loaded shell, are being brought up to the Navy Yard.

GEN. M'CLELLAN'S ADDRESS TO HIS SOLDIERS.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Fairfax C. H., March 14.

Soldiers of the Army of the Potomac:

For a long time I have kept you inactive, but not without a purpose. You were to be disciplined, armed and instructed. The formidable artillery you have have had to be created. Other armies were to move and accomplish certain results. I have held you back that you might have the time to the rebellion which it has distracted this once happy country. The patience you have shown, and your confidence in your leaders, are worth a dozen victories. These preliminary results are now accomplished. I feel that the patient labors of many months have produced their fruit. The army of the Potomac is now a real army; magnificent in material, admirable in discipline and instruction, and in every way excellently armed and equipped. Your commanders are all that I could wish.

The moment for action has arrived and I know that I can trust in you to save our country. As I ride through your ranks, I see in your faces the same proud look I have seen in I feel that you will do whatever I ask of you. The period of inaction is past. I will bring you now to strike with the rebels and only say that "May God defend the right." In whatever direction I may move; however strange my actions may appear to you, ever believe that my heart is with the Army, and that all I do is to bring you where I know you wish to be, on the decisive battlefield.

Let us show the country what we are. I am to watch over you as a parent over his children, and you know that your General loves you from the depths of his soul.

It shall be my care, as it has ever been, to gain success with the least loss; but I know that if it is necessary you will willingly follow me to our graves for our righteous cause. God smiles upon us; victory attends us. Yet I would not have you think that our work is to be obtained without a struggle. I will not disguise it from you that you have brave foes to encounter, foes who will work with the zeal which you will use so well. I shall demand from you great and heroic exertions, rapid and long marches, desperate conflicts and privations.

We will share all these together, and when this sad war is over, we will all return to our homes and be able to feel that we can ask no higher fame or than the proud consciousness that we belonged to the Army of the Potomac.

(Signed) GEO. B. MCCLELLAN,
Major General Commanding.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Gen. Grant to be Relieved—Opinions about the Merrimacs—10 000 Rebels Gathered—Fayetteville—A Rebel Battery at Aquia Creek.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The New York *Tribune's* Washington dispatch says the President nominated yesterday for Brigadier General, John Craig, also Robert C. Buchanan to be Inspector General.

Secretary Stanton has authorized Gen. Halleck to supersede Gen. Grant, unless he should ask to be relieved, on account of bad conduct at Fort Donelson and Shiloh.

Assistant Secretary Fox, who is in Washington, reports the Merrimac badly injured in the two days' fight. She has a hole bored in her hull by the Monitor, and was leaking very badly when she put back. The Cumberland's broadside did her damage. Our officers think that she could not then attack the Minnesota or Roanoke, although they were both aground. He thinks that the Minnesota could now, that she is afloat, handle the Merrimac, she is so slow and unwieldy. He considers it utterly impossible for the Merrimac to go to sea, as she would immediately founder in an ordinary gale. The Merrimac's spout was knocked out by a ball from an eleven inch gun on the Minnesota. Capt. Buchanan was wounded by a shot from a rifleman on board the Cumberland, the ball going through his thigh. Mr. Fox says the crew of the Minnesota, as well as that of the Monitor, are eager to see the Merrimac come out again, but it is likely that they will be disappointed.

Commodore Stevens, of the steam battery, has obtained permission of the Secretary of War to make use of the 15-inch gun at Fort Monroe, to be placed upon his steam propeller Naugatuck, to be used in the defense of New York harbor and to attack the Merrimac in the event of her appearance.

The *Herald's* Washington dispatch says Gen. McClellan represents a division of the army in the vicinity of Manassas this afternoon, and as he rode along the lines he was greeted by the most enthusiastic demonstrations.

A fugitive from a village on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, 37 miles from Gordonsville, came into the camp of the 1rs Harris Cavalry. He states that there were forty thousand rebel troops in town when he left, and that they continued to pour in wildly and hurriedly, under the impression that the Union army was in pursuit of them. Gen. Johnston and other rebel officers were dining at the house he left. He states that the road from Rappahannock to Manassas is strewed with muskets, knapsacks, haversacks, blankets and provisions, flung away in the retreat, and that numbers of soldiers are falsting and fainting by the roadside.

The *Times* Washington dispatch says the Manassas Achilles, while passing the rebel batteries at Aquia Creek last night, was fired at six times, indicating that there are some rebels yet lingering on the Potomac. None of the shots took effect.

General Hooker was of the opinion at nine o'clock to-day, that the rebels had not abandoned Fredericksburg.

Senator Wright of Indiana has been put on the Conduct of the War Committee in place of Senator Johnson of Tennessee.

Governor Sprague of Rhode Island will probably be Secretary of the Navy, if Welles retires.

Gen. Tyler of Connecticut is confirmed brigadier-general.

Hunter may be put in command of the new department made of Georgia and Florida. He ranks Halleck, so he can't remain in a subordinate place.

In the department of the Potomac, Gen. W. Cowyth is Provost Marshal of the district.

Brave Old Parson Brownlow Among his Friends.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Parson Brownlow and son arrived here to-day. He says he was imprisoned in the common jail at Knoxville, December 16th, in violation of an agreement with the rebel government. He was confined in a small damp room, and was attacked by the typhoid fever. He was moved to his residence and by the care of his family, with a strict guard, and having partly recovered, he got a pass from the rebel government and left Knoxville two weeks ago, but was detained, by order of Gen. Hardee, at Shelbyville, ten days. He reached the Federal lines this morning. Brownlow declines starting a paper here on account of ill health. He proceeds North to publish a story of his martyrdom. Brownlow is not affected by consumption, as reported.

Military Matters in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—Gen. Halleck commands that all traitors, whether in civil or criminal courts, will hereafter be required to take the oath of allegiance prescribed by the Proclamation, October 16th, last. Those refusing to take such oath will be objected as aliens. Any neglect on the part of the regular army or volunteer surgeons in their duties to the sick and wounded will be reported to headquarters. It is said that some of the medical officers, now prisoners of war, have failed to give proper attention to their own sick and wounded. In cases of this kind medical officers will be deprived of their parole, and placed in close confinement, and the facts reported to headquarters.

Religious Intelligence.

BALTIMORE, March 15.—Bishop Whiting, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland and the District of Columbia, has transmitted to all the clergymen of the Church in this parochial diocese and the District of Columbia, for use on all occasions of public worship within eight days of the Sunday following the receipt of his letter, a prayer of thanksgiving for the late victories to the Federal arms.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE NEW LINE OF DEFENSE

The Rebel "Are" of Safety.

THEIR VIEW OF THE EVACUATION.

Wendell Phillips's Smithsonian Lecture.

NO MORE SLAVE CATCHING AT WASHINGTON.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, March 15, 1862.

The Richmond Examiner of the 13th, says the Potomac proper base of offensive operations against Maryland and Washington as a line for the defense of Richmond, or for general resistance, the most dangerous possible, is the line upon which Gen. Johnston's army is falling back, an arc of a circle of which Richmond is the centre, stretching from the Rappahannock to Cumberland Gap, embracing the central Virginia and Tennessee railroads, the valley of James river, with the canals and railroads to the chief cities of Virginia. They call it distressing to give up so much of the Old Dominion, but strategic necessity.

The Richmond *Dispatch* says by April 1st we shall have a larger disposable force than the enemy, who must retain two hundred thousand to guard Maryland and Washington, one hundred thousand to hold Kentucky and Maryland, twenty thousand in forts, eighty thousand in fleets, leaving a disposable force of only three hundred thousand for invasion, which must be diminished a third by forces detailed to keep up communications with the basis of operations. Their ranks soon declimated by malarious diseases.

Letters from Fort Pickens report news from loyal blocks, of the evacuation of Pensacola going on.

Mr. Hawthorne is here.

Vice President Hamlin sat on the platform last night at Wendell Phillips's lecture. Senator Powell and Mr. Wadsworth of Kentucky, Speaker Grow, and many other Congressmen were present, with a large and enthusiastic audience.

The speaker was hearty in his praise of the emancipation message, which declared in a voice from the Holy of Holies, saying "Gentlemen Border States, now is your time to sell out—now or never." It is said Mr. Phillips, a very little wedge, but Lincoln's face is turned towards Canaan. He had emigrated from Kentucky, and the doctrine of no Congressional power to touch slavery. The Constitution in peace gave no power to suspend the habeas corpus, to make paper money legal tender, to purchase southern Mississippi, to steal taxes, or to blockade Charleston with stone vessels, but out of the rebellion Government *had got power to smite slavery*. Lincoln site surrounded by Sumner, polls and has but to put forth his hand and hurl one at the system. You can't stop or help the issue of the fight. Encamp in the South and one hundred thousand blacks will soon join the hundred thousand soldiers.

You may say the stars and stripes don't mean freedom to slaves. They *know they do*. I add one of numerous sentences worth quoting—"The South marched up to the Potomac with neither men, munitions nor money, only an idea. They were held at bay North with plenty of men, munitions, money, and Major Generals, but not yet by an idea."

The lecture was rambling, but full of wonderfully strong and eloquent passages.

Phillips dined with Speaker Grow.

Official returns found at Centreville indicate conclusively the strength of the rebel regiments—averaging under 300 men. Deserters say that some had only 200.

Gen. Wadsworth became Military Governor and Provost Marshal of the District to-day.

There will be no more slave-catching here.

The vote on McDowell's confirmation stood 21 to 13.

IMPORTANT LEGAL DECISION.

The Wisconsin Farm Mortgage Relief Bill.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MADISON, WIS., March 13.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, to-day, decided void all taxes from eighteen hundred and sixty-five (1865) to eighteen hundred and fifty-nine (1859), as not uniform. Railroads not having been assessed, re-assessment is necessary; and the Farm Mortgage Relief Law of 1861, has been decided unconstitutional.

Gen. Wadsworth Assumes Command.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Gen. Wadsworth to-day assumes his place as Military Governor and Commander of the Defences of Washington. Brooks's brigade, which is Alexandria, is the back country, is gradually opened to trade.

HEROES OF DOBBSLON.

Promotions in Illinois Regiments.

SPRINGFIELD, March 15.—The following Fort Donelson promotions have been pronounced by the Governor:

7th Regiment—1st Lieut. Edward S. Johnson promoted to Captain of Company I, vice Mendell, killed in action.

8th Regiment—Lieut. Josiah A. Sheets, promoted to Captain of Company F, vice J. M. Hess, killed in action; 1st serg't Edwin L. Williams, promoted to 1st Lieut. of Company F, vice Sheets, promoted; 3d serg't, John D. Handforter, to be 2d Lieut. Company F, vice H. A. Sheets, killed in action; 2d Lieut. Noah W. Dennison, to be 1st Lieut. Company E, vice Jos. Howell, killed in action; 1st serg't, Thos. J. McClunn, to be 2d Lieut. of Company K, vice Dennison, promoted.

10th Regiment—1st Sergeant Benjamin F. Berry to be 1st Lieutenant Company D, vice Hart, promoted; 2d Lieutenant Samuel H. Russell to be 1st Lieutenant Company I, vice M. M. McIntyre, killed in action; 1st Sergeant Truman S. Post to be 2d Lieutenant Company I, vice Russell, promoted.

41st Regiment—1st Lieutenant Robert H. McFadden to be Captain of Company D, vice R. W.

Tribune.

AY, MARCH 17, 1862.

T 'EM MOWL.

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GREAT OMISSION.

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more points throughout the Northwest. Here were regiments that only a few days previous were unarmed and in barracks at Camp Douglas. Many of their companies were not full. There were regiments summoned in hot haste from St. Louis, and Northern Missouri, from Wisconsin and Iowa. They went forward promptly at the sudden call and formed in the ranks of war. It was an army whose brigade commanders scarcely knew their own colonels by sight. They went forward and won, not a barren victory over sham entrenchments mounted with quaker guns, but over an active and determined enemy.

What opportunity had Gen. Curtis's column for learning brigade movements and trumpet calls when they hastily rendezvoused in Southeastern Missouri, and poured into Arkansas in pursuit of Price. And yet they met and vanquished the enemy at Sugar Creek without the training that has kept the Grand Army of the Potomac behind its entrenchments for these long months.

And both these movements have been made, and these brilliant victories organized in the face of season impediments and horrible marches that not even Virginia could surpass. By the result of the first our flag floats over Nashville and the rebel strength in Tennessee is hopelessly broken. By the other Missouri is free, and as Gen. Halleck's recent dispatch informs the country, not a rebel flag floats in that State. We base no argument on this in favor of the use of raw troops where others are to be had, but there is an irresistible inference that will be drawn therefrom, and those can only escape it who close their eyes and ears lest they may be convinced. There is, as we have written in our caption, a great omission in all this. It appears either to the policy which advanced upon, pursued, and vigorously attacked the enemy without this preliminary preparation, or to that which utterly and persistently omitted everything that looked like aggressiveness until the first was secured. It will belong to the people to compare results, and these we have briefly indicated. They will stand in the history of the war long after the temporary influence of men and partizans has passed away.

The Traitor Captain Buchanan.

Captain Frank Buchanan, of the rebel frigate Merrimac, whose death is reported as one of the results of the late action, was a grandson of Governor McKean, of Pennsylvania. On the marriage of his mother to Dr. Buchanan, of Maryland, she removed to Baltimore, where all her children were born. When very young the children went to Philadelphia, where they were educated, and some of them have made that city their home ever since. On the inauguration of President Lincoln, Captain Frank Buchanan held the responsible post of Commandant of the Washington Navy Yard, and was surrounded by a nest of young officers. One of his daughters married an officer attached to the Yard, and the President and all the Cabinet officers attended the wedding, little dreaming that Buchanan was at heart a traitor. On the day the Massachusetts regiment was attacked in Baltimore, this deceitful rebel and his newly-fledged son-in-law sent in their resignations and immediately left the city. He charged a large omnibus with four horses, and, stowing away his family, made for Baltimore, and thence by boat sailed for the Eastern Shore, where he had a farm. Finding Maryland did not secede, he sent a pitiful appeal to the Secretary of the Navy to be restored to his command, but his application was spurned by the President. After spending a few months in that State, he sought employment in the Secession kingdom, and was received with open arms. The truth is that Frank Buchanan could not live in his accustomed style without the pay that he had in a panic given up; and having eight or ten grown-up daughters around him, one of his motives in stealing across our lines was, doubtless, to obtain some of the Confederate scrip to clothe and feed his family.

Liquor Prohibition in the South.

The Confederate authorities are making a war upon whisky that will at least entitle them to honorable mention by the friends of temperance. Jeff. Davis has stopped the manufacture and sale in Virginia by innovable martial law, and has seized the supplies of grain that the distillers had on hand. Elsewhere in the south the local authorities have followed his example. Governor Brown of Georgia has issued a proclamation ordering each distiller in that State to desist absolutely from the manufacture of ardent spirits after the 15th day of March, 1862. The superintendent of the State road is forbidden to transport any whisky over that road, and other railroad superintendents are requested to do likewise. In case of distillers refusing to obey this order, their stills are to be seized and sent to Rome, Ga., to be manufactured into cannon, and all liquor brought near military encampments is to be emptied upon the ground.

The Destruction of the Frigate Cumberland by the Iron-plated Merrimac --The Gallantry of Our Sailors.

The following is an extract from a letter, written at Fortress Monroe by one of the officers of the *Baltimore American*, a cool and practical observer and careful writer:

She approached the Cumberland at full speed, striking her on the port side near the bow, her stem knocking port No. 5 and the bridle port into one, and let her ram deep in the Cumberland under water. Almost at the moment of collision the Merrimac discharged from her forward gun an 11-inch shell. This shell raked the spar deck, killing ten men at gun No. 1, among whom was Master's Mate John Harrington, and cutting off both legs of Quarter-Gunner Wood. The water rushed in from the hole made below, and in five minutes the ship began to sink by the head.

Solid and solid shot from the Cumberland were rained on the Merrimac as she passed ahead, but the most glanced harmlessly from the incline of her iron-plated bomb roof, though some shots which struck her at a more favorable range caused splinters of iron to fly.

As the Merrimac rounded to and came up she again raked the Cumberland with a heavy fire. At this fire 16 men at gun No. 6 were killed or wounded, and were all subsequently carried down in the sinking ship. Among these unfortunates whose names were remembered by my informant, were two of the captain's crew, named Wm. O'Brien and John Osmeron.

Advancing with increased momentum, the Merrimac struck the Cumberland on the starboard side, smashing her upper works and cutting another hole below the water line.

The ship now began to rapidly settle, and the scene became most horrible. The deck pits filled with wounded, whom it was impossible to bring up. The forward magazine was under water, but powder was still supplied from the after magazine, and the firing kept steadily up by men who knew that the ship was sinking under them. They worked desperately and unremittingly, and amidst the din and horror of the conflict gave cheers as their fire and the Union which were joined in by the wounded. The decks were slippery with blood, and arms and legs and chunks of flesh were strewed about. The Merrimac laid off at easy point blank range, discharging her broadsides alternately at the Cumberland and Congress. The water by this time had reached the after magazine of the Cumberland. The men, however, kept at work and several cases of powder were passed up and the guns kept in play. Several of the men in the after shell room lingered there too long in their eagerness to pass up shell and were drowned. The water came up to about the officers at least, unless by special permission, to be kept on board at all times; in fact, every precaution taken against the surprise by the enemy, and a readiness for immediate service, which will enable the Commander-in-Chief to operate against an enemy afloat, or on shore, within five hours after the flotilla is under way.

The commanders of the flotilla will, in their local rules and regulations, give such instructions in detail as will secure the highest degree of efficiency; and the Commander-in-Chief has the utmost confidence, from the zeal and intelligence in view which the officers generally have labored in the improvement of a little time in improvising a navy, from such limited means by attending readily to duties of all grades, that they will soon have their respective vessels in a high state of naval discipline. ANDREW H. FOOTE,

Flag Officer Commanding U. S. Naval Forces on the Western Waters.

CAIRO, Dec. 17, 1861.

General Order No. 6.]

The men composing the crews of the different vessels in the Flotilla are required to obey strictly all laws, orders, rules and regulations promulgated, or under the pains of the law.

Zealous and capable men, combining good morals with a desire to serve their country, and vigorous ability to sustain unrelled its flag against enemies at home as well as abroad, will be favorably noticed in the monthly reports, by their commanders, to the Commander-in-Chief.

All real or supposed grievances, which the men may have, or fancy they have, will receive consideration hearing, through the proper channel, by their commanders; and let it be borne in mind, that the interests of the Mississippi Flotilla is a power and readiness to do its duty to the Government by punishing the enemy; this great object being secured, the comfort of the officers and men will, so far as may be consistent with efficiency, be faithfully observed. ANDREW H. FOOTE,

Flag Officer Commanding U. S. Naval Forces on the Western Waters.

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General Order No. 6.]

A strict observance of Sunday, so far as abstaining from all unnecessary work, and giving officers and men the opportunity of attending public worship on board, will be observed by all persons connected with the Western Flotilla.

It is the wish of the Commander-in-Chief that on Sunday the public worship of Almighty God may be observed on board of all the vessels composing the Flotilla; and that the respective commanders will, either themselves, or cause other persons, to pronounce prayers briefly on Sunday, when as many of the officers and men as can be spared from duty, may attend the public worship of Almighty God.

Profane swearing being forbidden by the laws for the better government of the navy, all officers and men will strictly observe this law; and every officer who uses profane language towards the men in carrying on duty, will be amenable for such gross violation of law and order.

Discipline to be permanent must be based on personal example, and officers must in the executive show a good example in morals, order and patriotism to secure these qualities in the men.

ANDREW H. FOOTE,

Flag Officer Commanding U. S. Naval forces in the Western Waters.

In commander A. M. Pennock, Fleet Captain, the Flag Officer finds a most admirable second. Uniformly courteous, and indefatigably industrious, he is the Commodore's alter ego. He has been untiring in his efforts to bring the fleet to approximate perfection, and now has the proud satisfaction of seeing his labors crowned with success. To him the country owes a large debt of gratitude for his patriotic endeavors, and the people of the West especially may congratulate themselves that the superintendence of the fleet is in such eminently practical, skilful and busy hands.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM SECESSIA.

From late rebel papers received here, I gather some very interesting and important items of intelligence. The Memphis *Argus* of the 8th inst. contains a leader savagely berating Mr. Benjamin, the late rebel Secretary of War, and attributing to his mismanagement and inefficiency the reverses to their arms in Tennessee. Mr. Benjamin, however, is not the only victim of Southern wrath. Jeff. Davis himself is accused of attempting to fasten upon the chivalry the permanent government of the old cabinet. The provisional administration is denounced in the bitterest terms, and its leaders are called to leave war to those who know how to conduct it, and return to the more congenial field of politics.

Memphis itself is on the rampage. Every show that comes down the river is a Lincoln gunboat. The Union feeling in the city cannot be concealed, and fearing an outbreak in the city, as at Richmond, Gen. Bragg has proclaimed martial law throughout the city, which has occasioned much discontent. The question of burning the city has called out from John Park, the Mayor of the city, the following

PROCLAMATION.

Much has been said in regard to the burning of our city. I have, as John Park, not as the Mayor of the city, to say this to our citizens: That I will under any and all circumstances protect the city from incendiaries, and he who attempts to fire his neighbor's house or even his dog, whereby it endangers his neighbor, regardless of judge, jury, or the benefit of clergy, *I will have him hanged to the first lamp post, tree, or awning.* I have the means under my control to carry out this proclamation.

The Federal prisoners of war are to be removed to Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Memphis *Appeal* of the 8th says four is raising higher, as the Federal victories in Tennessee have cut off the supply by stopping the flouring mills. A move is being made to establish forts at Memphis, Napoleon, Helena, Natchez, and the mouth of the Red River. Gen. Bragg has left Mobile to consult with Beauregard about the protection of the Mississippi valley against the Lincoln gun boats which have nearly driven them crazy with fear. A Mobile paper speaks of more Union demonstrations at Richmond, and says the Rebel Capital is overrun with Federal spies.

The Memphis *Appeal* of the 7th thus speaks of Floyd: "Floyd ran like a moral coward from the field, and by his disgraceful weakness caused the capitulation and surrender, he lacked the courage to die like a soldier. *He should be tried and shot.*" The same issue contains a dispatch relative to the late Sugar Creek battle, announcing the defeat of the Federals, which is denied by the Memphis papers. Steamboats are being built at Mobile. Overseers of plantations are advised to stay at home and raise crops for the maintenance of the soldiers. The bridges between Memphis and Franklin have been burned. All the steamboats at Memphis been seized by the rebel government.

G. P. U.

OUR CAIRO LETTER.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

CAIRO, March 13, 1862.

Another expedition, destination unknown, was to have sailed to-day. Eight gunboats, eight mortar boats, and a number of transports composed the fleet. Everything was in complete readiness, and the fleet was on the eve of departure, when orders were received countermanding the movement. At what time it will take place can now only be a matter of conjecture. But when Flag Officer Foote's fleet does sail, you may expect to hear thrilling news. The Commodore has prepared himself for a fight. He anticipates a desperate battle, and has laid his plans accordingly.

In this connection I cannot help but pay a tribute to Com. Foote as a man and an officer. He thoroughly realizes the idea of a Christian soldier. What Havelock was to the English army, Com. Foote is to the American Navy. I have had frequent occasions to call upon him, and though always finding him in the midst of pressing business, enough to overwhelm an ordinary man, have been invariably received with the courtesy of a gentleman. I have seen courtesy and kindness obtain in his communications with all civilians, cabin boy or captain. Thoroughly systematic in his business arrangements, genial and kindly in his manners, unostentatious in his style, entirely devoid of pretension, a brave soldier, gallant gentleman and devout Christian, he stands out in bold relief as a model, which might be copied in high places, both in the army and navy. He inspires are the mortal terror of every river town in the South, and the southern papers do not hesitate to express their fears in that direction. To Commodore Foote, and his skilful assistants, are largely due the splendid victories which have secured Kentucky and Tennessee to the Union. If any man in the service deserves promotion it is he. Brigadier Generals and Major Generals have been readily and rapidly manufactured by Congress. What reward do they propose to give the navy? The mere passage of thanks is complimentary without doubt, but Com. Foote's distinguished and all important services have earned for him something more than mere complimentary. Justice requires and the public gratitude demands that some more substantial recognition shall be made of the service he has done the Republic in its sore hour of need.

I send you the general orders issued, under date of December 17th, which will more readily give the public an idea of the character of the Flag Officer than any description I can pen. They should be framed in gold and hung in every vessel that sails under the Stars and Stripes. They are as follows:

CAIRO, September 13, 1861.

General Order No. 1.]

The officers commanding the gunboats will not leave their anchorages for the purpose of making a reconnaissance up and down the rivers without orders from me, provided I am within signal distance. And in no case in my absence will the officer commanding a gunboat go up and down the rivers without the knowledge and concurrence of the General commanding the post where the vessels are lying.

Cruising up and down the rivers will be directed at the proper time by proper authority. Should the officers of any gunboat have some reason to suppose that he may render important service, he will confer with me if present, or in my absence with the senior officer of the army. He can then, their is no navy officer, his senior, to direct his movements.

Prudence combined with bravery constitute the efficient officer. And until we have more gunboats, the expense is to be commensurate with the object to be attained. Great care must be observed not to let the enemy decoy the boats not properly supported within range of overwhelming masked batteries. ANDREW H. FOOTE,

Commanding Naval Forces on Western Waters.

CAIRO, Dec. 17, 1861.

General Order No. 2.

The officers of the flotilla will constantly exercise vigilance in the execution of their duties, remembering that upon their zeal and efficiency depend the success of our arms.

The first station will be regarded where there is no lieutenant as executive officer, as the executive officers, and will be obeyed as such, by all officers and men under them.

The orders given by the executive officers are to be considered as emanating directly from the commanders of the gunboats, and not from the executive officers themselves. ANDREW H. FOOTE,

Flag Officer Commanding U. S. Naval Forces on the Western Waters.

CAIRO, December 17, 1861.

General Order No. 3.]

The officers and men connected with the Naval Flotilla, will consider themselves amenable to the police regulations of the army while on shore as well as on board, so far as conducting themselves with perfect propriety of conduct, of crossing the river, abstaining from all appearance of interference, a vice which is so destructive to good morals, discipline and efficiency. That the Commander-in-Chief will visit, with the utmost rigor of the law, all who may be guilty of the slightest degree of violation, or of any violation of laws, rules, regulations and general orders, which are or may be promulgated, either by the Military or Naval authorities, for the good of the highest state of discipline and efficiency in time of war.

General order No. 30, of the Commanding General, will be strictly observed by all persons in the Naval Flotilla. ANDREW H. FOOTE,

Flag Officer Commanding U. S. Naval Forces on the Western Waters.

CAIRO, December 17, 1861.

General Order No. 4.]

The commanders of the gunboats respectively will see that their vessels are kept constantly ready for action at a moment's warning.

Men must be exercised frequently at the great guns and small arms, magazines frequently examined, gun gear often inspected, steam machinery kept in order, one-half of the officers at least, unless by special permission, to be kept on board at all times; in fact, every precaution taken against the surprise by the enemy, and a readiness for immediate service, which will enable the Commander-in-Chief to operate against an enemy afloat, or on shore, within five hours after the flotilla is under way.

The commanders of the flotilla will, in their local rules and regulations, give such instructions in detail as will secure the highest degree of efficiency; and the Commander-in-Chief has the utmost confidence, from the zeal and intelligence in view which the officers generally have labored in the improvement of a little time in improvising a navy, from such limited means by attending readily to duties of all grades, that they will soon have their respective vessels in a high state of naval discipline. ANDREW H. FOOTE,

Flag Officer Commanding U. S. Naval Forces on the Western Waters.

CAIRO, December 17, 1861.

General Order No. 7.]

St. Louis, 13 guns, Lieut. Paulding.
Carondelet, 13 guns, Commander Walker.
Pittsburgh, 13 guns, Lieut. Thompson.
Louisville, 13 guns, Commander Dove.
Cincinnati, 13 guns, Commander Stembel.
Essex, 8 guns, Commander Porter.
Mound City, 13 guns,

The first engagement of the gunboats with the enemy took place on the 8th of September, at Lucas's Bend on the Mississippi river, a short distance above, and in full view of the fort strongholds at Columbus. In this engagement the Lexington, Commander Stembel, and the Conestoga, Lieut. Phelps, silenced two shore batteries, dispersed a large body of rebel cavalry, and so disabled the rebel gunboat Yankee that she has not been heard of since.

On the 29th of October the Conestoga, Lieut. Phelps, proceeded with three companies of Illinois volunteers 60 miles up the Tennessee river to Eddy's Bluff, Kentucky, where they jointly attacked and routed a rebel encampment, bringing away their horses, arms, camp equipage and negro slaves.

There would hardly have been an occasion where the presence of an efficient naval support was more necessary than at the battle of Belmont, fought on the 7th day of November last, and there has been no conflict during the war where this support, when finally called in requisition, was more effectively and opportunely rendered. Nothing but the well directed fire of grape and canister from the guns of the Tyler and Lexington saved our land forces from being utterly cut to pieces while retiring on board their transports. Every effort of the enemy to bring his artillery to bear on our columns was defeated by the storm of iron which assailed him from the gunboats. His pieces were dismounted and his horses and men swept down as fast as they were placed in position.

A great deal has been said about the origin of the proposition to take possession of the Tennessee river. The credit of conceiving the idea of a military campaign in that direction has been claimed first for one and then for another military commander. I desire that impartial justice should be done to every man, and acting upon the intention to do justice, I must be permitted to say that, so far as I can learn, the project of turning the enemy's flank by penetrating the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, originated with Commodore Foote. The great rise of water in these rivers was plainly the work of Divine Providence, and, in my opinion, he saw at once the advantage that it might secure to our arms. Accordingly he sent to Gen. Halleck, at St. Louis, the following dispatch:

"CAIRO, January 28, 1862.

"Gen. Grant and myself are of opinion that Fort Henry and the Tennessee river can be carried with four iron clad gunboats and mortars, and be permanently occupied. Have we your authority to move for that purpose when ready?

(Signed) "A. H. FOOTE."

To this dispatch no reply was vouchsafed, but an order was subsequently sent to Gen. Grant to proceed up the Tennessee river with his troops, accompanied by the armed flotilla, and attack Fort Henry, directing Gen. Grant to act in concert with Com. Foote in this effect. Com. Foote was at once ready for the expedition, and the troops were in readiness for the effect in the following dispatch:

U. S. GUNBOAT CONESTOGA,
PADUCAH, Feb. 2, 1862.

SIR:—I have the honor to inform you that I left Cairo yesterday with this vessel, having ordered the armed gunboats Essex, Carondelet, Cincinnati and St. Louis to proceed on to Paducah, and I arrived here last evening.

To-day I propose reconnoitering the Tennessee River with the four new armored boats and the old gunboats Tyler, Conestoga and Lexington. In convoy the troops under General Grant, for the purpose of conjointly attacking and occupying Fort Henry and the railroad bridge connecting Bowling Green with Columbus. The transports have not yet arrived, although expected last night from Cairo, which causes detention while in the meantime, unfortunately, the river is falling. I am ready with the seven gunboats to act offensively whenever the army is in condition to advance, and have every confidence under God that we shall be able to silence the guns at Fort Henry and its surroundings, and the troops will be enabled, the next day, to take from the five boats remaining at Cairo all the men except a sufficient number to man one gunboat. I have left Commander Kitty as senior officer in charge of the gun boat and mortar boats at Cairo, ordering him, with the assistance of fleet captain Phelps, to use every effort in obtaining more men and forwarding the early equipment of the mortar boats, it is peculiarly unfortunate that we have not been able to obtain more for the flotilla, as they only are wasting in coalliers so heavy at this moment eleven full manned instead of seven gunboats, which would be sufficient and efficient operations at any point. The volunteers from the army to go in the gunboats exceed the number of men required, but the detachments of companies and regiments in permitting them to leave in the reason assigned for not more than fifty of the number having been thus far transferred to the flotilla.

I enclose a copy of my orders to the commanders of the gunboats, which I shall leave behind on Fort Henry; also a copy of orders to Lieutenant Commanding Phelps, who will have more than half the force of the old gunboats, and who is in a less exposed position than the armed boats.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

A. H. FOOTE, Flag Officer.

(Signed)

Hon. GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.

P. S. Several transports with troops have just arrived. I propose to start the Tennessee early in the morning and will then make the application my flag ship. A. H. F.

On the preceding day he had issued the following order to Lieut. Phelps:

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 8.]

U. S. GUNBOAT TAYLOR,
PADUCAH, Feb. 2d, 1862.

Lieut. Commanding Phelps will, as soon as the armed boats arrive, and signal from the flag ship, proceed with the Conestoga, Tyler and Lexington up the river to where the railroad bridge crosses, and if the enemy shall not have got possession, he will destroy as much of the track as will entirely prevent its use by the enemy.

He will then proceed so far up the river as the stage of water will admit, and capture the enemy's gunboats and other vessels which might prove available to the enemy.

(Signed) A. H. FOOTE, Flag Officer, Commanding the Naval Forces in the Western Waters.

The fleet, consisting of the iron clad boats Essex, Carondelet, Cincinnati and St. Louis, and the three wooden boats, Tyler, Lexington and Conestoga, proceeded to Fort Henry, and reduced it in one hour and twenty minutes. Commodore Foote, being, as is his wont, in the fore front of the battle. It appears from the order to Lieutenant Phelps, (which that gallant officer promptly executed,) that Commodore Foote knew before leaving Paducah that he should take Fort Henry, no matter what might be the force or the resistance he should meet there. He was thoroughly inspired by that great idea. The contingency of failure did not enter into his calculations. He therefore addressed himself to plans for reaping the fruits of victory, rather than to plans for repairing the consequences of defeat. It will be observed from the foregoing letter to the Secretary of the Navy, written before the battle of Fort Henry, that the efficiency of the flotilla was much injured by the want of seamen, or by a readiness to have those transferred from the military service who had been selected for that purpose.

After reducing Fort Henry and sweeping the Tennessee river as far up as Florence, in Alabama, Commodore Foote returned to Cairo to prepare the mortar boats for operations against Fort Donelson. He was aware of the formidable character of the rebel works at Donelson, and he desired a delay of a few days to complete the mortar boats, by which he believed the garrison, however extensive, could be shelled out without much loss of life on our side. Gen. Halleck deemed an immediate attack to be a military necessity. In this I doubt not he was right, and I only refer to it to show the crippled condition of the fleet and the heavy loss of life on our side are not to be attributed to rashness or bad management on the part of the Flag Officer. Of the gallant attack on Fort Donelson no one need be reminded. Subjected as our vessels were to a long continued and hot fire of three rebel batteries at fair hand-grad yards distance, they continued the fight for an hour and thirty minutes, and not until the wheel of one and the tiller-ropes of another of his boats were shot away, did the well managed guns of the Commodore cease to scatter death and consternation among the foes of his country. Although wounded himself, and his gunboats crippled, yet the spirit of the gallant combat on his brow, he indulged in no repinings for his personal misfortunes or laudations for his successes, but still a true Christian hero, thought only of his men. In a letter written the morning after the battle to a friend, he said:

"While I hope ever to rely on Him who controls all things, and to say from the heart 'not unto us, but unto Thee, O Lord, belongs the glory,' yet I feel sadly at the results of our attack on Fort Donelson. To see the brave officers and men, who say they will go where I lead them, fall by my side, makes me sad to lead them to almost certain death; but I obeyed what was believed to be the military necessity of the situation."

The next movement of Commodore Foote with his flotilla was to take possession of Clarksville, where he arrived on the 16th day of February, and issued his proclamation to the inhabitants three days before the arrival of the land forces, though that fact, for some unexplained cause, nowhere appears in the official reports of the military commander of the Department.

On the 21st of February, 1862, Com. Foote telegraphed to Gen. Halleck, the chief of Gen. Halleck's staff, then at Nashville, as follows:

PADUCAH, Feb. 21, 1862.

GENERAL CULLOM, Cairo:

General Grant and myself consider this a good time to move on *Nashville*. Six mortar boats and two iron clad steamers can precede the troops and shell the forts. We were about moving for this purpose when Gen. Grant, last evening, received a telegram from Gen. Halleck "*not to let the gunboats go higher than Clarksville.*" No telegram sent to me.

The Cumber and is in a good stage of water, and Gen. Grant and I believe that we can take Nashville. Please ask Gen. Halleck if we shall do it. We will talk per telegraph—Capt. Phelps representing me in the office, as I am still on crutches.

(Signed) A. H. FOOTE, Flag Officer.

It may be that there was some great military reason why Gen. Grant was directed "not to let the gunboats go higher than Clarksville," but up to this time it is wholly unpardonable by the public. Had they been permitted to go, as was proposed by Com. Foote, Nashville would undoubtedly have capitulated some days earlier than it did, and an immense amount of rebel stores been captured, which were destroyed or removed before the army reached there, the value of which has been estimated at ten millions of dollars.

I ought not to omit to mention the gallant attack, by a part of the Western flotilla, under Lieut. Gwin, upon the enemy at Pittsburgh, on the Tennessee river, where 1,500 rebel infantry and cavalry were completely routed with a loss of thirty killed and one hundred wounded.

The next fact of importance in the campaign at the West, and indeed the most important of all, was the evacuation of Columbus. Why was this rebel stronghold, which cost so much labor and expense, abandoned without firing a shot? It is not for me to underrate the advantages of position secured by the valor of our troops at Fort Donelson, but I unquestionably do not possess the knowledge I have been able to obtain of the defenses of Columbus, that there was nothing in the mere fact of the capture of Donelson, and evacuate of our command of the river, which need have caused the evacuation, except after a long and bloody siege. From the letter of a correspondent writing on the spot, I obtain the information that the forts at Columbus "were so located and constructed as to be almost impregnable to an assault by storm. The capture of one by no means involved the capture of the balance. A fresh assault must be made in each instance. At the main fort and many of the earth-works, a stockade crossed the trenches exposing the assaulting party to a storm of bullets from riflemen firing through loopholes. Every ravine and ditch was thoroughly protected, and the various approaches to the river commanded for a long distance in every direction. It is sufficient to say that an unusually strong position was seized upon and so improved by rare engineering skill that the equal of the Columbus fortifications in extent and perfection of detail combined can hardly be found in the United States."

Another correspondent describing the place after the evacuation, says: "The fortifications were strong—perhaps stronger than any others in the South—but they were injudiciously constructed on the low bluffs, and could not have stood an hour's bombardment by the gunboats and mortar fleet. The water battery stood out in such relief from the bluff that a well directed mortar shell would have burst it under a hundred tons of earth from above. There were no casemates to protect the artillery from the galling fire of seven gunboats, and how long could men unsheltered have stood a continuous hail from twenty-one guns throwing eight-inch shell? It is well understood that Commodore Foote was opposed to giving the rebels an opportunity to leave Columbus. He felt sure of his ability, with his gun and mortar boats, to shell them into a speedy surrender, but was compelled to give way to the counsels of military commanders.

When we couple the strategic position acquired by our occupation of the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, with the completion of the mortar boats and the absolute command of the river given us by the armored gunboats, there remains no mystery about the evacuation of Columbus. The two arms of the public service are equally entitled to the credit of frightening the rebels from their strongest position on the Mississippi river, by the strongest in their whole military jurisdiction.

Yesterday the intelligence reached us that the Western flotilla composed of ten gunboats and ten mortar boats had started forward on new scenes of conflict and to achieve, I doubt not, new and yet greater triumphs. The country is assured that whatever can be accomplished by gallantry and nautical experience will be performed by Commodore Foote, and the brave officers and men under his command. We confidently await the announcement of new victories.

I have brought it proper, Mr. President, as a Western Senator, in some degree charged with the examination of naval affairs by this body, to bear this testimony to the worth of that branch of public service in the western campaign, and to the noble deeds of the flag officer in that command. No one can over estimate their services to the country and to the Northwest in particular, and in the name of that great section, and of the whole country, I thank them one and all officers and men.

But I would avail myself of this occasion to accomplish another purpose. I am anxious that the people of this entire country may feel that the exploits of the navy, wherever performed, are their exploits, that its glory is their glory, and that they are in reality themselves to support it, they are supporting the right arm of the national defense. I desire the citizen of the most remote frontier to feel that he is contributing to sustain the honored by the brave deeds of our naval officers with the citizen of the Atlantic coast. I wish the men of Iowa and Minnesota to know that they are as effectually defended in their liberties at home, as well as their honor abroad, by the achievements of Dupont and Goldsborough, Stringham and Foote, on the water, as they can by any victories won by our armies on the land.

Mr. President, ours must be a great maritime nation. Heaven has ordained that it should be such, and we cannot but make of otherwise if we would. We have a coast both on the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, which with its numerous indentations is many thousand miles in extent, contains a hardy maritime population, and flanked on either side by soils and climates that furnish the most valuable productions of the globe, which must be supplied to other nations. We have north we have a succession of great lakes bearing upon their bosoms a registered commercial tonnage of nearly half a million, and navigated by a race of daring, industrious, and intelligent seamen. Unlike any other maritime nation, ours is traversed by navigable rivers thousands of miles in length, floating an inland commerce unequaled by any other country in the world, except possibly China, and capable of navigation by armed vessels of great capacity. With a country of such extent, a soil and climate furnishing such productions, and a population combining such hardy, intelligent and enterprising seamen, who does not see that our future, by the very necessities of our geographical position and the conformation of our continent, is to be a great and commercial people? Our products must be borne to remote nations in our own ships, navigated by our own seamen, and protected wherever they go by our own vessels of war.

I know not with whom originated the phrase that "the navy is the right arm of the public defense," but I know that a truer sentiment was never uttered. In my conviction it will always be in this country the most efficient and far the most dangerous arm of the public service by which to maintain the national integrity and defend the National honor. History teaches us that every nation that has depended upon a navy for protection has been comparatively free by the side of those which have placed their reliance upon armies. I need not go back to antiquity to prove this. I need go no farther than Holland and England in modern times. The former, while she continued to be the power on earth, was the freest Government on earth, and only began to be shorn of her liberties and of her territory when she neglected to maintain her fleets. England, the most liberal of all Governments save our own, is in no small degree indebted for her present position to the fact that she maintains only a small military force on the British Islands, and relies upon her wooden walls as a means of attack and defense. She puts no faith in large standing armies, and will not until her people shall be prepared to surrender their freedom. With her garrisoned possessions encircling the globe her entire military establishment does not exceed 120,000 men. France, Austria, Russia, and Prussia, maintain large standing armies on their own soil, and in those countries the liberty of the people is measured by the will of the sovereigns. The freedom they enjoy is a gratuity of Emperors and Kings; the servitude they endure is enforced by the presence of standing armies. The people of this country can never accept the rights which they enjoy as the gift of any being inferior to their Creator. I do not believe that anybody but the public enemy has had anything to fear from the numerous and well appointed armies we have raised, yet no one of us is prepared to say that with an army much longer isolated from home scenes and home ideas, concentrated in large bodies and taught the most implicit obedience, danger to our free institutions might not arise. No such danger can arise from the existence of a navy, however large or however commanded. Seamen are cosmopolitans. Always employed and generally absent they never become, as armies sometimes do, as dangerous to friends in time of peace as to enemies in time of war.

I might go on to show that, situated as all our large cities are upon arms of the sea or upon navigable rivers, the navy might be made more efficient in suppressing domestic insurrection as well as repelling foreign invasion, than the army. I might show too that, notwithstanding much that has been said by professed statisticians, the support of a navy is much less expensive in comparison with the service it renders to a maritime nation, than that of an army, but I shall not detain the Senate by entering upon such an exposition at this time.

As I said at the outset, my purpose in rising to address the Senate at this time was to call the attention of the country to the successful operations of the Western flotilla, but I cannot refrain from alluding for one moment to the successes of our navy elsewhere. The whole southern Atlantic coast has been swept by the fleet of the gallant Dupont, and is now effectually held by both an inside and an outside blockade. The enemy have been driven from his strongholds on Port Royal by Goldsborough and their coast towns occupied; and I predict that in a few days, at the farthest, intelligence will reach us that the forts at the mouth of the Mississippi river have been captured, and that Farragut and Porter are, or will soon be, in possession of New Orleans. But the starting events that have recently occurred in Hampton Roads attract, as they ought, the attention of all. It would be well for us to reflect upon what these events have clearly demonstrated, viz:

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A
Anderson C mrs
Adams Jane miss
Alexander Amelia mrs
Allison Dorthia mrs
Allison Martha mrs
Allen Ruth A miss

B
Badly Emmit mrs
Baker Rosalie
Bachelor Phoebe miss
Bank Caroline mrs
Ball Bridget
Barnard Harriet E mrs
Barry Ellen miss
Bailey Amelia mrs
Bates Mary Jane mrs
Battles Amanda mrs
Bartlett Louisa M mrs
Bassett Georgie miss
Bell Margaret mrs
Beck Ellen mrs
Beasley Agnes miss
Bell Ann mrs
Bogat Frances miss
Bradshaw Sarah mrs
Bills Hannah mrs
Blackburn Pauline miss
Bissell Mary A mrs
Blackburn M miss
Bidock Bridget mrs

C
Cameron miss
Campbell mrs
Cole Jane mrs
Collegher Nellie C mrs
Conner Sarah mrs
Cauffeman Margaret
Castle Louisa miss
Castle Samuel mrs
Carr Rachel Ann
Carpenter Hattie miss
Chisell Ann mrs
Childs W H mrs
Chase Mary A mrs
Chalton Emma
Chandler Laura B
Chapman Josephine
Clifford Catharine
Clapp Minnie miss
Clancy Ellen miss
Clinch Elizabeth miss
Coghlan Mary mrs
Colako Dorabe miss
Colt Libbie miss
Coleman Catharine
Colton C A mrs

D
Davison Annie
Dawson Elizabeth
Daunk Mary miss
Dean Georgie E
Delon Julia M
Dixon Mary mrs
Dorsey M A mrs
Dickinson Tippie miss
De Mont Harriet mrs
Dunes Rhoda miss
Dickinson Sophia mrs
Dietrich Chas mrs
Dorbont Mamie miss
Dixon Maria C miss
Delft Catharine miss

E
Eade T C mrs
Elam Jane miss
Eagan Anna mrs

F
Faughy Catherine miss
Farrell Bridget miss
Flynn Rosalie mrs
Fields Phrilla mrs
Fisher M E mrs
Field Silas W mrs
Flower Fanny Lyon mrs

G
Gallagher Mary Ann miss
Garrity Catherine
Giles Martha miss
Gilbert Kate miss
Gill Beatrice
Gilchrist Martha miss
Godin Mary mrs
Godin Lizzie mrs
Gort ue Emelie
Gordon James M mrs
Goddard Sarah mrs
Gould Elie E miss

H
Haley Margaret mrs
Hall Allene mrs
Hoggart Emily mrs
Hamilton Henrietta mrs
Halsingon Cornelia mrs
Hammond Charlotte mrs
Haines Margaret mrs
Hapwood mrs
Harbaugh Margaret mrs
Harris Fannie M miss
Hand Catharine miss
Hart George Anna miss
Hanan Kate miss
Harper Martha J
Harlicks Mary Ann mrs
Hayes Mary mrs
Hayward Anna J mrs
Hartley Fanny miss
Healy Mary miss

J
Jackson Emily R mrs
Jones Henry mrs
Jennings Martin A miss
Jenkins Deborah miss
Jenkins J W mrs
Jenks Mary E miss
Jones Annie miss 2

K
Kerwin mrs
Kennedy E mrs
Konsowez J E mrs
Keeje Howard mrs
Keles Libby miss
King Sarah mrs

L
Lawler John J mrs
Langdon Sarah E
Lawrence Kate mrs
Landgon Kuretta miss
Lent Amanda Hester A mrs
Libby A A mrs
Livingston R R mrs
Lesson D B mrs

M
McAuley M A mrs
McCarty Hannah mrs
McCagge Jane mrs
McConnell Lydia miss
McCormack Ellen
McCabe Catherine mrs
McCarthy Catherine miss
McCormack Sarah mrs
McDole Alice miss
McDonald Ella mrs
McDonald E A mrs
Magill Mary miss
Mann Julia miss
Magee Cornelia N miss
Maher John mrs
Malone Hannah miss
Malone Cornelia miss
Malone Rachael miss
Marcher Catharine
Martin Sue miss
Martin Anna M
Mason Mary mrs
Martin Mary mrs
Mason Jane mrs
Messenore Amelia S
Merry E L mrs
Meaz William mrs
Metivier Salome miss
Mew born Birson mrs

N
Naylor Mary miss
Nash Hannah miss
Nash Rachel miss
Nelson Julia miss

O
O'Reilly Jno J mrs
O'Brien Margaret
Oakley Mary D mrs
O'Connell Margaret mrs
Otis Tooka mrs

P
Patton Mary C miss
Packer Hannah miss
Parsons B B miss
Parker Mary miss
Panton miss
Parker Hannah miss
Palmer Ella A miss
Patrick Cornelia mrs
Partridge Agnes miss
Perkin Leslie mrs
Peterson Mary H

Quigley Honora mrs

R
Randall Judy mrs
Rawson Clara
Randall Louisa mrs
Randall Emily
Reddy Edward mrs
Reardon Mary miss
Reid Jane mrs
Reed Caroline mrs
Richardson Delia mrs
Richardson Helen A miss
Rock Ann Helen M mrs
Ryan Ann D

S
Sanford Mary miss
Saunders Abbie mrs
Summers Eliza J miss
Sanborn Ann E miss
Seymour Jennie
Sanborn Elvira mrs
Scading Jennie miss
Scely Carrie N mrs
Scagnolio Rosie mrs
Sharp Lydia A mrs
Shepard Jane
Sheridan Mary Jane miss
Sheridan Mary Jane
Shanley mrs
Sharp J T mrs
Shaver David O mrs
Smith Hattie mrs
Smith Sophianie Estella miss
Smith Catharine miss
Smith Maggie miss
Smith Alice mrs
Smith Elizabeth
Smith Elizabeth V mrs
Smith Nellie miss
Smith Catherine
Smith Sophiana E miss

T
Taylor Mary miss 2
Taylor Hannah
Taylor D mrs
Thomas Molly R
Thomas Frederick mrs
Thompson Josephine mrs

V
Vanbrocklin Nancy A
Van Varkin Sarah miss

W
Walcos Emma miss
Wagner Emma miss
Walters Louisa mrs
Walker Myra M mrs
Wakeman
Walsh Ellen mrs
Walsh Julia
Walsh Nellie G miss
Weller Sarah M mrs
Weston G A mrs
Wolfe Mary E mrs
Webster Anne mrs
White mrs
White Julius C mrs
Wilson Jennie mrs
Wilson Elizabeth mrs
Williamson Clara miss

Y
Yaughn Mary mrs
Van Fanigan Emma miss

W
Williams Mary mrs
Williams Mary C mrs
Wilson H M mrs
Wills Albert mrs
Wilter miss
Willard Jacob mrs
Wilbegger Maggie miss
Wentel Emily mrs
Wilson Alice miss
Webber Lydia M mrs
Wright Anna miss
Wood Lotty miss
Wadell Carina J mrs
Wolcott Harriet mrs
Weight Josephine miss
Wam Maria miss

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

A
Allerton & Hurdlakes Dual
Ames Hiram
Abbott Oryille S
Anderson Edwd
Adams Frank E
Ayer A R
Ainsby & Bro
Allen A F
Anderson C dr
Ayres Cyrus

B
Baker R W dr 2
Bassett Adolph
Baker Bickaby
Barrow A M
Ames A S
Bailey Albert
Beacock C dr
Bond Chas
Bigelow C
Banks Palmer
Bacon Patrick
Bartlett Peter
Bogle Charles
Bacon Jno A
Bailey Jno
Bartlett Jno R
Barter John R
Bennett John A
Bottomley S E
Blackman Henry
Barnes Henry
Baker Herbert
Bissell Jno
Ballantine Jas B
Booth Elias
Bowsley J E
Bennett Jas
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Bishop J A
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Austin W S
Ayres Cyrus
Anderson Henry
Anderson Wm
Andrews Elias
Anderson John

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Baker R W dr 2
Bassett Adolph
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C
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Cooper Jas
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The Tribune,

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1862.

THE CITY.

FIRE ALARM.—The alarm of fire for the district, rang on Saturday morning was caused by the burning out of a pipe in the late Jackson Hall. There was no damage.

DISSOLUTION.—The well known and popular firm of Knox, Eustace and Reed has dissolved, as will be seen by announcement elsewhere. Messrs. Knox and Reed will continue the business.

Godey and Arthur for April; The Ladies' Mag. Army List for 1863; and Bayard Taylor's new "Pictures of Travel," have been received by Jno. R. Walsh, corner Madison and Custom House Place.

NEW TIME TABLE ON THE C. B. & Q. R. R.—Attention of our readers is called to the changes made in the time for the arrival and departure of trains on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. The advertisement will be found in another column.

Godey's Lady's Book, Peterson's Magazine, and Frank Leslie's Gazette of Fashion, have been received, and are for sale by McCoy & Co., 51 Dearborn street, who have also received a supply of Bayard Taylor's popular series of writings, "Home and Abroad."

IMPORTABLE LARCENY.—Charles Fleischer was on Saturday morning held to bail in the sum of $300 for his appearance at the Recorder's Court, for the larceny of two large comforters, valued at Five Dollars, from the premises of Mrs. Josephine Huber, No. 71 North Clark street.

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, the eighth annual report of the Board of Education, a pamphlet of 100 pages, has been published and we shall have occasion to refer at length in a future issue. It is a very interesting document, very ably compiled and free from introduction to *finish* with facts and figures in relation to our public schools.

PERSONAL.—We are happy to state, that the condemnality of P. L. Wells—so long identified with the commercial interests of this city—is, says Dr. McFarland, Supt. Ill. State Insane Asylum, "passing away;" and that he is "pretty satisfactorily convalescing." We also add that, "there is no doubt of his recovery."

MISS JULIA DALY.—This lady commences her second and last week on Monday night in a continuance of "Our Female American Cousin" introducing the ditty, "My Pony was a Shoemaker," in addition to which she will personate six characters in the parts of Lizzie in and out of Place," with Irish, Irish, and Yankee songs, and two Ethiopian dances. Those of our readers who did not have an opportunity of seeing Miss Daly last week should certainly attend.

CHURCH RECORD.—James Grant Wilson, who was the founder, and has successfully conducted the *Church Record* for the past years, has sold his interest in the enterprise to Rev. Thomas Smith, who has assumed it and will hereafter conduct it under the name of *The Northwestern Church*. Mr. Smith is an old graduate of the Tribune office, and has excellent capacity for his undertaking. Mr. Smith proposes to make it exclusively a church paper than heretofore.

BALLETS PREFENSE.—Anthony Mack and Jack, keepers of a low doggery on Canal street, most mercilessly assaulted and beat Charles Porter, a countryman, who stepped into their saloon for something to drink, on Sunday night. The implements with which the attack was made, were simply a mallet and a poker—harmless article enough when applied to their legitimate uses, but no trifles in an "gently tapping" on the cranium of an adjusted man. The defendants were fined dollars each on Saturday.

SITS AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS.—The suits against F. & H. M. Hooker, Stephani Brothers and Henry Ring, before the Police Court, for violation of the city ordinance in relation to the sale of liquors, were on Saturday dismissed on account of informality in the suits. Those against Henry Mottram and J. Gunter were dismissed upon payment of costs. The cases of Charles Hoffman, Chas. Hanscke, Emil Drier, and John Bartel, were tried by a jury and a verdict given for defendants.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A serious and probably fatal accident occurred on Friday evening to a young man named Patrick McGoughan, a dancer on the Chicago and Rock Island Road. When near Joliet, coming towards Chicago, he went out on the engine platform to look after the working of the machinery, and fell to the ground just in front of the wheels of the locomotive, which passed over and cutting both legs off at the thighs. He was still alive when the information of the accident reached the city, but no expectations were entertained of his recovery. His family reside on South Halsted, near Twelfth street.

CLEVELAND AND DETROIT LINE OF STEAMERS.—The steamboat line between Cleveland and Detroit will be resumed with the opening of navigation. The propeller "Ocean" will be succeeded by the "Cleveland" until the completion of a new craft. The "May Queen" will be retained. Capt. Evans will take the "Cleveland" until his new steamer will be finished. In this connection we might mention that the steamer "Michigan," stuck in Monroe, still "lies on the bottom," all effort having been made to raise her. At the biannual meeting of the Michigan Southern Directors, last month, it is supposed action will be taken as to her repairs, even if not until the early reorganization of the line.

THE OPENING.—The opening of Christy's Opera House, Metropolitan Hall, on Monday night, was the occasion of the assemblage of one of the largest audiences we have seen seated in that building. The programme was varied, and some portions of it were well performed. Several of the principal singers were suffering from bad colds on the occasion, which caused some dissatisfaction with a few critical persons present, who, toward the close of the performance, vented their ire in repeated hisses. These *queer* cropping were not answered by the actors, and are properly appreciated by the sensible portion of the audience. Christy "still lives," and the Opera House will be opened again on Monday evening, with a change of programme.

A NEW LUMBER FIRM.—In calling attention to the card of Messrs. Bruce, Scott & Co., which appears in another part of this paper, we are able to state that this firm is composed of gentlemen of character and respectability, and whatever business is entrusted to their care will undoubtedly be discharged with a view to the interests of the parties concerned. J. Bruce is late of the banking house of Bruce & Young, of Albany, New York. He brings to this city with an established business reputation. The other members of this firm are well known, having for a number of years been largely engaged in the wholesale lumber trade in this city. From their character for business talent and reliability, they are entitled to the respect of the community.

DEATH FROM INTERMERANCE.—Coroner Jones on Saturday held an inquest upon the body of a woman named Bridget Slattery, who was found dead in her house just west of Sausage Avenue Bridge, on the morning of Friday. On Friday at four o'clock in the afternoon her husband returned home from his labor and found her lying upon the floor in a state of bestially intoxication. A pail still containing some whisky was within reach of her hand. She was placed upon her bed, and about eight in the evening Mr. Slattery also retired. When he awoke on Saturday morning he found the woman lying again upon the floor, the breath of life having departed. It is shown before the Coroner that deceased for years been a habitual drunkard, and had several attacks of delirium tremens. The husband is left with two small children to provide for. A verdict of "death from excessive intemperance" was rendered.

FOUND FLOATING IN THE BASIN.—Readers of these columns will recollect the allusion to the body of a man found in the basin at the foot of Adams street on Friday evening. Coroner James held an inquest upon the remains on Saturday morning, but nothing was elicited as to the identity of deceased. The following description may lead to a recognition of the body: The man was apparently about thirty years old; are feet seven inches high; dark brown hair; sandy whiskers; dark cloth coat, cut short, with perpendicular opening to side pockets, the corners of which were worked with figures; dark pants; white cotton drawers; grey flannel under-shirt; chamois gloves. In his pockets were a counterfeit bill on the Bank of the State of Illinois, one dollar and twenty-eight cents in money, and a quantity of three-fourth inch brass screws. For further particulars all interested are referred to Coroner James, at his office in the Court House.

Mutiny at Camp Douglas.

The prisoners bemoan bitterly of their incompetency of the season, and say that if the weather does not speedily moderate, their mortality will grow a frightful increase.

HEALTH AMONG THE PRISONERS.—The Third Tennessee Regiment is accounted to represent the most property of any regiment in the Confederate service. In Company H there are three persons serving as privates who own a hundred negroes each. In ordinary times this property would be valued at one thousand dollars each. Three hundred thousand dollars is no trifle.

CLOTHING AND LUXURIES.—The members of Tennessee Regiments are in daily receipt of clothing and luxuries, from their friends, and their condition is much more comfortable than those of the prisoners who hail from the Gulf States; and they are suffering less from the diseases incident to the climate.

MORTALITY REPORT.—The following is the list of deaths since our last report:

MARCH 14TH.—R. D. Buchanan, Co. I, 50th Tennessee.

MARCH 15TH.—B. F. Spears, Co. 3, 14th Mississippi.

E. J. Bitzer, Co. C, 2d Mississippi.

W. T. Marth, Co. G, 50th Tennessee.

Reported to-day	4
Previously reported	34
Total	38

PAID OFF.—A portion of the 53d regiment, Col. Cushman, received their pay on Saturday.

BITTER.—The Mississippi and Texas regiments express themselves as entertaining the most bitter hatred towards the Illinois troops, particularly the Irish Brigade. They affect to consider them as perjured, and say that they have broken their parole, given after the battle of Lexington. An intelligent private on Saturday expressed to our reporter the wish that he could be exchanged, and an opportunity given him to meet them on the field of battle, when he promised to cut the throat of one Irishman for every indignity offered him since his confinement. He is not likely very soon to have a chance to indulge in this little pastime.

Revolutionary Relics.

A gentleman connected with the Clerk's office of the United States Courts, has in his possession, as heir-looms, some interesting relics of Revolutionary times, of which we propose making brief mention. They consist of manuscript letters, written by one Captain Benjamin Throop, Jr., to Captain Neamiah Waterman, of the Continental Army. The first letter, the paper of which is yellowed and discolored by the lapse of time, dates from Brunswick, July, 1778. In it mention is made of the success of our arms at Monmouth, on the 28th of the preceding month. It states that General Lee was ordered by Washington to care for the left wing of the army and lead the attack on that memorable occasion. He did so, but soon retreated, and was afterwards court-martialed for disobedience of orders. It concludes with an account of an encounter between the pickets of the Federal and British forces, in which the former were victorious—forcing the enemy to retreat. "We can impute our success," says the writer, "only to the Almighty God, who directs all things."—Another letter from the same to the same, of date September, 1778, at Mount Independence, alludes in feeling terms to the sickness in the company. For three days he had not returned one man out of his corps fit for duty. He had not men enough even to care for the sick, and in the entire regiment there were not thirty volunteers fit for military duty. General Arnold's Brigade, to which he belonged, had not more than two hundred well men in the ranks. The writer speaks in another portion of the letter of the death of General Read, which occurred on the 30th of August. "And last night," he continues, "Colonel Bond was taken away. The whole army is sulky, but the dissaffection is most apparent in Arnold's Brigade." He hazarded the opinion that there were not more than 9,000 in the American lines able to perform guard and other military duty. From the completion of three redoubts and a citadel on Mount Independence, which is alluded to, it seems that however decimated by death and weakened by disease these noble patriots were, they were not idle. The mention is casually made of the departure of General Arnold "down the lake with the fleet."

The third of these relics is dated November 10th, 1777, and was written after the hard-fought battle of Brandywine. The author says of this event: "Gen. Washington had not as many men as Howe, neither had he in the battle of Germantown. Howe is now in Philadelphia, but is not able to get his shipping up the river. While I write the fire is excessive at those forts. These have been three attempts to take the forts on Red Bank and Mud Island, but the enemy have been sent off each time. Washington is to blockade the city, and is of the opinion that 30,000 men will be able to keep up the blockade. Our men are in shocking condition, many of them being without clothes, stockings, shirts, &c. The d—l seems to be in you all at home, that you have not provided clothing. It pains me exceedingly to see my men mounting guard in almost a state of nature. But thanks to God I have not lost a man out of my company. Yesterday we took twenty prisoners, seven being of the British Light Horse. Deserters are daily coming into our lines."

Another letter from White Plains, dated September 10, 1778, says: "A large body of the enemy came out yesterday as far as Westchester, and took nine of our light-horsemen and about thirty horses. Some ten days ago a party of light infantry and some Indians were drawn into an ambush by the cffeny, surrounded, and twenty-three dead Indians and two prisoners was the result. Captain Nightman and his son, a Lieutenant, and thirty of the infantry were afterwards captured. Three brigades, Poole', Larnards' and Patterson's, went to the eastward this morning. We goin in a short time."

There is a grave interest connected with the quaint characters, the brown and time-colored paper of these ancient relics of the "times that tried men's souls."

It will do some of our modern soldiers good to gaze upon them, or even read the brief extracts we have made from them, that they may contrast the handful of men—these nearly naked and half starved—and the sickness, lack of proper arms and all that, with the grand army of 600,000 freemen, well fed, well clothed and armed with the most perfect weapons of warfare, that we are, after the lapse of eighty-four years, enabled to bring into the field. Look upon that picture, then upon this.

No Mails Destroyed.

The following letter explains itself. The reporter in making up his account of the fire in question, was misinformed, and if by any person employed about the depot the blunder is inexcusable, since, on the arrival of trains at all hours of the day or night, the mail wagons are in readiness for the immediate removal of mail matter to the Postoffice. No mails are ever left at the station houses over night, and to say nothing of the promptness demanded in their delivery the propriety of the precaution is abundantly demonstrated by the incident of Thursday night:

POSTOFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL., March 15, 1862.

Editors Chicago Tribune:

In your article in this morning's TRIBUNE in regard to the burning of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad depot, you state that the whole Eastern mail of the night previous was burned. This is a mistake, as the mail on that railroad arrived at the Post-office on the night previous to the fire at 11½ o'clock.

The mails arriving on the different railroads are never allowed to be put in the depots, but are taken directly from the cars to the Post-office. Yours, &c.,

W. WINDOES, Local Mail Ag't.

LARCENY OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS.—Mrs. Rozanna Ryder, the proprietress of a sulphur-bath establishment somewhere on State street, was on Saturday held to bail in the sum of $500, for the larceny of a lot of household furniture from Mrs. Adams, one of her boarders. The prosecution evidently arose from some quarrel between the defendant and the prosecuting witness, and the only interest connected with the case was contained in the energy with which Mrs. Ryder defended herself before Justice Davis. She whipped out all the attorneys present, in no time, criticised the orderings and rulings of the court, gave several policemen particular "Jessie," vented her wrath upon some old friends sitting among the spectators, and concluded the play by bringing in a property owner in the shape of a colored man as bail. The strong-minded woman then left the presence of the court with a rhetorical flourish more significant than classical.

MISS JENNIE HOSMER.—During the reign of Our Female American Cousin, in which there is room but for one leading actress, Miss Hosmer—the very popular "first lady" of the company—has appeared only in the after piece, but she has shown herself as successful in comedy as heretofore in tragedy, when playing with Booth, Proctor and Couldock. The first play being short, there has been for the past week a better selection of comedies, and by the effort of Miss Hosmer these have been more than usually a feature in the regular entertainments. Her "Jealous Wife" last evening, was admirably rendered, and we do not know that we have seen Miss Hosmer appear to better advantage on the stage.

Sketches.

The Boston prisoners, exchanges inform us, that in one of the letters that not abandoned, Con't or want out the road that they make in Chicago,

For the flower of the South hates the Flour of the West!

Pray, what would they have, these poor, ragged rebels!

What prob is the best for Speech of their station!

Give 'em rations they're used to—as corn be they

For can't they belong to a Confederation?

—*Family Fair.*

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—*Before Judge Drummond.*—No. 68—Chancery, James Anderson, Jr., vs Sidney Morgan et al; appearance which given, No. 66—Chancery, John H. Jaffray et al vs John E. L. Tranber et al; Decree as prepared. No. 57—Chancery, Johnston H. Rammons et al vs Charles M. Brown et al; default for want of answer, and referred to Master to report. No. 66—Chancery, Bryant C. Wilson et al vs Amos B. Keith; default, and referred to master. No. 66—David W. Irwin vs Daniel Mory; default, and clerk to assess damages. No.—Moore et al vs Propeller St. Nicholas; Afteen days time given on affidavits filed to perfect appeal.

CHANCERY COURT—*Before Judge Manierre.* No. 26—Frederick Edwards vs Benjamin H. Watson; Appeal dismissed, with prosecution, for want of notice. Ordered. No. 532—Frank Smith vs Albert C Oriel; Judgment against defendant for $20 by stipulation on file. No. 637—Marion B Sheets vs Chas Beeson; Clerk directed to issue fees of 8 witnesses sworn on behalf of plaintiff. No. 511, John M Brenswick et al vs Charles L. Noble; Appeal dismissed at defendant's costs, with proceedings for want of prosecution. No. 500, John C. Haines vs Gustave Lovgren; Appeal granted on condition that the defendant enter into bond in double the amount of judgment with Hedrgh et al securities; conditioned according to law, and file the same, on or before the 17th of March, and it is further ordered that defendant have until next term to file bill of exceptions. No. 409—Chancery—Francis B. Nichol vs. William B. Ogden, et al; Decree of the defendants, and reference to master, vacated, and defendant allowed to answer; on motion of complainants, bill dismissed as to defendants Nos.—Mingo et al, complainant to file of answer, and decree for complainant, and dismissed at complainants' costs.

CIRCUIT COURT—*Before Judges Goodrich and Wilson in Banc.*—No. 216—John L. Walsh et al, vs. Chas. Belasig; parties and jury present as of yesterday; jury not agreeing are discharged. No. 58—Joshua L. March et al, vs. Owen McCarthy; motion for a new trial by plaintiff overruled and judgment on verdict. No 377—Alexander Wolcott vs. Town of Evanston; motion for a new trial by plaintiff overruled, and judgment on verdict.

METEOROLOGICAL.—Range of Thermometer for last week, noted by E. L. O'Hara, Druggist, No. 80 West Randolph street:

1862.	7 A. M.	12 M.	6 P. M.
Sunday, March 9	44	52	40
Monday, " 10	35	51	33
Tuesday, " 11	32	39	35
Wednesday, " 12	32	39	34
Thursday, " 13	34	41	29
Friday, " 14	31	34	30
Saturday, " 15	31	35	32

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☞ Go to John Jones, 119 Dearborn st., and get your clothes cleaned and repaired. nov13

"Call on Dunlop, Sewall & Spalding for Printing." nov11-hm1-ly

☞ For cleaning and dying gentlemen's clothes go to Cook & McLean, 98 Dearborn street. This old established house do better and cheaper work than any in the city. feb21-ly

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ST. COLUMBKILL'S CHURCH.—The Rev. Dr. Bullen will lecture, this evening at 7½ o'clock, on the Holy Eucharist, at the Church of St. Columbkill, on the corner of Indiana and Paulina streets, West Division. A small contribution will be received at the door for the benefit of the schools attached to the church.

☞ Elder W. F. Black will preach in the Christian Church, on Monroe street between Sheridan and Belcher streets, this, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject—"The Bible." Also, in the evening at 7½ o'clock. Subject—"Where, O, where was the Gospel of Christ in fact first preached?"

DIED.

In this city, March 15th, of the Typhoid Fever, FANNIE BADGER, daughter of T. Sylvester and Martha Parker, aged one year, ten months and 8 days.

The funeral will be held at the house, No. 84 Third avenue, on Monday, March 17th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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4 " "	350	25 " "	1,400
5 " "	425	30 " "	1,575
6 " "	525	35 " "	1,675
8 " "	650	40 " "	1,850
10 " "	800	45 " "	2,000
15 " "	1,000	50 " "	2,250

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NEW YORK, Jan. 27, 1862.

MESSRS. HERRING & CO., No. 251 BROADWAY:

GENTS: The Herring's Patent Fire and Burglar Proof Safe you made for me a few years ago, has passed the ordeal of a severe test in the great fire, corner of Fulton and Pearl streets, on the 26th inst., and is entirely destroyed by burning, together with many others. The fire commenced about 4 o'clock Sunday morning, and the safe was taken from the ruins after it cooled, some eight hours. I took the safe home, contained all my books, insurance policies, and other valuable papers, besides gold and silver, bank bills, common books, &c., amounting to over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, and, everything in the safe is in perfect order, except the blacking of the books, being stained. Your Patent Champion Safe gives us great satisfaction. It was guarded safely through the fire every dollar of its contents. Truly yours,

A. S. TUTTLE.

ANSWERS IN THE SAME FIRE—$16,000 SAVED.

GENERAL OFFICE, NEW HAVEN RAILROAD CO.,

NEW YORK, Jan. 28, 1862.

Messrs. HERRING & CO., No. 251 BROADWAY—GENTS: We had one of your recent Champion Safes in the recent extensive fire, corner of Fulton and Pearl streets, on the 26th inst. The Safe was in the third story of the Fulton Bank Building, and fell with the ruins to the cellar. It was taken from the ruins nearly twenty-six hours exposure, and was not hot. It contained our cash, and other valuable papers, amounting to $16,000, and about $8,000 in Treasury notes and other securities—all of which we brought in good order, and unscathed. Respectfully Yours,

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Chicago, March 1st, 1862. JAS. F. GRIFFIN

Having purchased the entire stock of Lamps, Oils, &c., of Mr. Griffin, I would respectfully solicit a share of the old customers of the late firm to give us a call, as we shall be able to supply them as usual, with the best quality of goods at very low prices.

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Chicago, March 1st, 1862. mch8-2d 1w

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, March 15, 1862.

RECEIPTS FOR LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

	Flour bbls.	Wheat bu.	Corn bu.	Oats bu.	Rye bu.	Bar. bu.
G&CURR	1062	4173	643	1000	339	1460
HIRR	350	5150	350			600
ILCRR	300	150	1286	400	336	1184
CR&QRR	400	1050	5081	1533	427	2311
NWRR		1461	140	435	512	1000
A&SLRR			2100			
Total	2112	10984	9400	3768	2021	5847

	Hogs	LH'gs	Cattle	Hides	La'd	Seeds
G&CURR	118	300	294	13890		470
HIRR	76	256	502	2150	15397	
ILCRR	350	600	195	24427		8710
CR&QRR	79	417	460	14312	3890	10056
NWRR	62		28	1514		6756
A&SLRR		250	32	1461		
Total	513	1797	1256	55565	19496	26594

There was a moderate attendance on Change to-day, and the leading markets were inactive.

The receipts of Hogs, Live and Dressed, amounted to 2,310. The market for Dressed Hogs was dull and a shade lower—sales ranging $3.00@3.50—the bulk of the transactions being at $3.35 and $3.30—dwelling on 200 lbs.

The market for Live Hogs was active, and prices ruled a shade higher, particularly on good packing Hogs. Sales ranged from $1.[illegible]@1.30—the bulk of the transactions being at $3.15@3.25. At the close 10c higher was paid than at the opening, and the yards were cleaned out of all desirable lots.

There is a very active demand for good packing Cattle, and the market is firm at $2.75@3.00 for good to prime. Medium grades were also in fair demand by Government contractors at $2.50@2.70. The decline in New York this week has had no visible effect here, as the supply was not sufficient to meet the requirements of packers and the Government.

In provisions we have yet to report a dull market. There is no speculative inquiry for any kind of product, and the shipping demand is also light, and generally at a very material decline on former prices. Still there is no great pressure on the market for any kind of product, and holders are very unwilling to submit to any very great reduction in quotations. Mess Pork is dull, and we note a decline of 25@50c. Sales were changed hands to-day at $10.50. Bulk Meats are still in request to some extent, and we note sales of about 200,000 lbs, at 3½c, loose, for city cured Shoulders; 4½c, loose, for country-cured Sides; and 5½c, loose, for Clear Sides, delivered, at Peoria. English Meats are still in good demand and firm, with sales to-day of 400 boxes Short Rib Middles at 5½c. Lard is quiet and nominal at 6¼@7c for city steam and kettle. Only 100 bbls changed hands at 6½c for city steam-evaporated. There is a good demand for Grease, and we note sales of 200 bbls at 5¾c for Yellow, and 5½c for White.

The demand for Flour continues light and the market is still neglected and nominal. The demand for Wheat was less active, and the market declined ½c per bushel—with light transactions at 72¼@72½c for No. 1 Spring, and 73½@74½c for No. 2 Spring, according to the date of the receipts. There was a good inquiry for Corn, and the market ruled a shade higher—with light sales at 32½@33½c for winter receipts Mixed, and 34½@34½c for fresh receipts. Oats were in good demand and firm—with sales of fresh receipts No. 1at 19c, and at 20c on track. Rye was quiet. Barley unchanged. Highwines were depressed, and ½c lower—closing dull at 19c.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

SATURDAY EVENING, March 15.

PROVISIONS.—Mess Pork—Market dull and 25@50c lower. Sales, 400 bbls city packed-Mess at $10.50. ENGLISH MEATS—In good demand. Sales, 400 boxes Short Rib Middles at 5½c. BULK MEATS—100,000 lbs Clear sides, at 5½c, loose, delivered at Peoria; 45,000 lbs city-cured shoulders at 3½c, loose; 6,000 lbs country-cured Sides, at 4½c, loose; 50,000 lbs country cured Hams at 4½c, loose. PICKLED MEATS—100 bbls pickled Hams at $9.50. LARD—Quiet. Sales, 100 bbls city steam-evaporated Leaf at 6½c. GREASE—100 bbls White at 5½c; 100 bbls Yellow at 5½c.

FLOUR—Received, 2,112 bbls. Market dull and depressed. Sales, 100 bbls good White Winter Extra at $4.95; 100 bbls "Metropolitan" do at $4.85; 100 bbls good round hoop spring extra at $3.85.

WHEAT—Received, 10,984 bu. Market dull and 1c lower. Sales, 15,000 bu No 1 Spring in store (storage) at 73½c; 2,000 bu do (3c storage at 73½c; 1,000 bu do (3c storage) at 73½c; 5,000 bu No 2 Spring (4c storage) at 72½c; 7,000 bu do (4c storage) at 72½@73½c; 8,000 bu do (4c storage) at 73½c; 3,000 bu do (3c storage) at 74½c; 199 sks inferior Spring at 69c on track; 28 sks good Spring at 80c on track.

CORN—Received, 9,400 bu. Market firm. Sales were: 2,500 bu Mixed (4c storage) at 33½c; 5,000 bu do (4c storage) at 33½c; 3,500 bu do (3c storage at 34½c; 2,000 bu do (3c storage) at 34½c; 1,500 bu Rejected (3c storage) at 18½c; 1,000 bu New Corn in bulk on track at 30c; 400 bu do at 32½c on track.

OATS—Received, 3,768 bu. Market firm. Sales, 500 bu No. 1 on track at 20c; 1,000 bu No. 1 (3 storage) at 19c in store.

RYE—Received, 2,021 bu. Market quiet. Sales, 56 bags at 42c on track; 40 bags at 41c on track.

BARLEY—Received, 5,847 bu. Market active and unchanged. Sales, 75 sks prime at 48c; 140 bags good at 46½c; 120 bags at 44c; 87 bags at 40c; 50 bags inferior at 38c—all on track.

HIGHWINES—Market weaker. Sales, 150 bbls on p.t.; 119 bbls at 19c.

TIMOTHY SEED—In better demand, but unchanged. Sales, 25 bags extra choice at $1.80; 45 bags prime at $1.75; 82 bags do at $1.72; 24 bags good at $1.70; 10 bags dirty at $1.55.

CLOVER SEED—In good request and firmer. Sales, 50 bu and 27 bags choice at $3.80; 11 bags good at $3.75.

BROOM CORN—5 tons fair quality at $80.60; 1½ tons do at $40.60.

COOPERAGE—Pork Barrels in better request. Sales, 280 at $1.05 on track; 300 do at $1.10 at packing house.

BEANS—75 bushels good Mixed White at $1.85.

BUTTER—146 pkgs good shipping butter at 9½c.

EGGS—In good supply, with sales of fresh at 7½@8c.

POULTRY—Chickens $1.75@2.00 ⅌ doz; Turkeys 6½@7c ⅌ lb.

HIDES—Dry Flint 13@13½c; Extra do at 14c; Dry Salted 9@10c; Green salted 6@6½c; Green Country 5½@5½c.

TALLOW—Quiet and nominal at 7@7½c.

DRESSED HOGS—Received, 519. Market dull and easier. Sales were:

30 Hogs averaging 220 lbs at		$3.60
15 " 275 "		3.50
200 " at $3.25 and $3.30	dividing on 100 lbs	3.27½
50 " at $3.00, $3.25 and $3.50	dividing on 200 and 250 lbs.	

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET.

FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 1862.

SATURDAY EVENING, March 15, 1862.

The receipts of Beef Cattle and Live Hogs during the week ending March 15, compare as follows:

Week ending March 15	Beeves.	Hogs.
" " March 8	3,805	8,600
" " Feb. 22	3,973	12,400
" " Feb. 15	3,454	15,098
" " Feb. 8	4,040	16,000
" " Feb. 1	2,491	27,005
" " Jan. 25	2,909	32,981
" " Jan. 18	3,000	32,492
" " Jan. 11	1,391	29,949
" " Jan. 4	1,518	72,000
" " Dec. 28	1,185	37,500
" " Dec. 21	2,963	33,095
" " Dec. 14	1,941	38,615
" " Dec. 7	2,371	45,000
" " Dec. 2	2,731	30,107

RATES OF FREIGHT ON LIVE STOCK FROM CHICAGO TO DETROIT ON TOURISTS.

	CATTLE	HOGS
	Per 100 lbs.	
Michigan Central and Michigan Southern, large cars	$50	25 cts.
Cars of 250 feet	40	25 "
Michigan Central, small cars	40	25 "
TO BUFFALO ON SUSPENSION BRIDGE.		
Michigan Central and Michigan Southern, large cars	50	25
Cars of 250 feet	77	25
Michigan Central, small cars	77	25
Fort Wayne cars	90	25
TO PITTSBURGH.		
Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago, cars of 250 feet	77	25
Michigan Southern, large cars	65	25
Cars of 250 feet	45	25

Rates to Toronto, $5 ⅌ carload than to Buffalo, when shipped by all rail.

Rates to Dunkirk, 2½ cents ⅌ 100 lbs less than to Buffalo, when shipped by all rail.

BEEF CATTLE.—The receipts of Beef Cattle this week show a decided drop from the table given above, show an increase of about 300 head. Notwithstanding this, however, as well as the depreciation of 1c per ⅌ lb. New York on Wednesday, the market ruled high, and prices were full, maintained. This was caused by the active inquiry that took place by Government contractors, as well as the demand by city packers. There were very few New York shipped on the market—the dull aspect of affairs in the East discouraging them.

Buyers from the interior report a very large stock of cattle throughout this State and Iowa; but it is almost impossible to buy them at anything like present prices. Owing to the low price of corn, farmers prefer to feed it to their cattle then sell it, and even where fair prices offered for the cattle they refuse to sell.

The quality of the stock in market was not quite up to the average run for a month past, and there were very few choice lots. Good packing Cattle were sold freely at $2.[illegible]@2.80, and prime at $3.00@3.05. A few lots of extra shipping Steers were sold at $3.25@3.35, and one lot at $3.40. Stock Cattle were in rather better demand by feeders, and the sales ranged from $3.[illegible]@3.40.

At Sherman's Yards, on the lake shore, the following were among the leading transactions: Lester sold 12 head of prime shipping Beeves, from Kankakee, at $40 per head—equal to about 3c per ⅌. Morris & Co. sold 84 head to Sturgeis at $3.25@3.35. Rogers sold 31 head to Marks at $3.00; Baker to Morris & Co., 60 head of good Beeves at $3.35. Davis to Cragin & Co., 39 head of prime packing Cattle at $3.00; St. John to Hancock, 30 head at $2.95; Rankin to Hughes, 13 head at $3.00; Talbert to Cragin & Co., 45 head, averaging 1,339 lbs, at $3.20.

At the Michigan Southern Yards the following lots were sold: Jacobs to Hubbard & Co., packers,